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24	23 9	51 9	28 10	22 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
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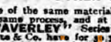

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LONDON, MAY 18.

SECURITIES—		
2 1-2 per cent. Consols	290 1/4	= + 1/16
3 do. Rentes	99 1/2	= + 1/4
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£106	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	85 3/4	= + 1/16
SILVER—		
Spot in London	26 7/8	= + 1/4
2 months bence	26 11/16	= + 1/4
Spot in New York	53 1/4	= + 1/2
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25 18 1-2	= unchanged
Berlin do	20 48 1/4	= — 1/4
New York Demand	4 86 7/8	= + 1/8
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	2 1/2 per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	2 1/4 per cent	= do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	2 1/4 per cent	= do
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	2 1/2 per cent	= do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	2 7/8 per cent	= do
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	2 1/8 per cent	= do
7 day market loans	2 1/8 per cent	= 1/8

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £126,000.

SUGAR—

German granulated 1st marks 13.6 sellers, tone steady

METALS—

Copper Standard £ 75.0 0

Yellow metal 6 7-16d

RAPESEED—

Brown 26 1-2 sellers

LINSEED—

Linseed Bold 42 3/3 business done

COFFEE—

Coffee in New York 5 unchanged

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed firmer. West Indian quiet. Manchester firm, Total sales 12,000 bales. Spot 4.43 plus 6. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 7 plus 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 1,000 bales. Imports 6,000 bales. Futures closed quiet.

	May-June	June-July	July-Aug.
	4.22	4.26	4.29
	+1	+3	+3
	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
	4.26	4.31	4.32
	+3	+3	+3
	Nov.-Dec	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
	4.24	4.23	4.24
	+2	+2	+3

Receipts at U S Ports	25,000 bales
Do last year	3,700 do
Exports to Great Britain	nil
Do do Continent	nil

IN NEW YORK—

Spot		9.30 unchanged
Futures, months of	January	7.74 a a
Do. do.	December	7.90 — 6 b

a Tended to advance early morning, but later declined owing to continued official weather reports being consider d favorable.

b Declined owing to official weather reports considered favorable.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot		7.78 + 1-16
Futures, months of	August	7.88 — 6
Do. do.	November	7.79 — 7

Tone at close steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 18th May, 1905 :—

Cotton	9,423 bales.
Wheat	25,293 cwts.
Linseed	20,068 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	4,134 do
Gingellyseed	149 do
Poppyseed	1,497 do
Groundnuts	934 do
Castorseed	1,735 do
Rice	6,537 do
Myrabolams	1,688 do
Cottonseed	6,118 do
Mowraseed	37 do
Gram	2,714 do
Jowar	8,109 do
Maize	203 do

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, MAY 19.

COTTON.

Since we last wrote there has been a further advance in prices in the American markets, and in spite of an endeavour on the part of the "bears" to effect a reactionary movement during the week, the "bulls" have again triumphed and succeeded in forcing rates up to some extent. The rise has been assisted by the adverse weather reports, and private advices received here state that considerable damage has been done to the New Crop by heavy rain, particularly in Texas. At the same time it must be borne in mind that adverse weather reports were expected, whether true or not, and that the market, after the hammering it lately received from the "bears" was in a state to accept anything which would buoy it up. Rates have been driven up rather fast, and the "opposition" will very likely have an innings shortly. The net results of the weeks' fluctuations are a rise of 15 points in Spot Cotton in New York, and a gain of 10 points in July futures. In Liverpool the advance has been 9 points in Spot and 9 points in May-June futures. Manchester continues firm and trade prospects are excellent.

The following are the daily quotations for Spot middling Americans in Liverpool and New York since the last mail left.

	Liverpool.	New York.
May	12th	4.36	8.15
"	13th	4.36	8.20
"	15th	4.40	8.25
"	16th	4.40	8.20
"	17th	4.37	8.30
"	18th	4.43	8.30

The following are the daily quotations for futures in Liverpool for May-June, and in New York, for July :—

	Liverpool.	New York.
May	12th	4.22	7.67
"	13th	4.22	7.72
"	15th	4.29	7.80
"	16th	4.28	7.70
"	17th	4.24	7.78
"	18th	4.28	7.74

The local market has been firm during the interval and prices have advanced nearly all round. Bengals and Khandeish are Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 higher and Oomras Rs. 2 to Rs. 4 ; Broach, Bhownuggers and Westerns are practically unchanged, but Saw Ginned Dharwar has advanced Rs. 6, the rise being due to this description having been oversold for May delivery, a squeeze being the consequent result. Exporters to Europe have been in the markets for Bengals, Khandeish, Oomras and Broach, and Japan has taken a fair quantity, shipments this week to the Far East being fairly large. Mills have continued purchasing and have again been paying high prices for extra-stapled Cotton, for which there is a good demand. Sellers are holding out, undeterred by the large stocks, and the rise in values in the Home markets has favoured their position. Exporters are reported to have sold M. G. Sind-Punjab for this month's delivery during the past week.

The "Satta" market for New Crop has fluctuated since we last wrote, and the top prices touched, for good Broach and fully go d Bengals have been respectively Rs. 230 and Rs. 180. A moderate business has been done during the week, and at the close we quote :—

Good M. G. Broach Rs. 227-8, delivery 15th, 25th March 1906 ;

Fully good Bengals Rs. 178-9, delivery 15th 25th January 1906.

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts during the week	67,444
Receipts from 1st Oct to 18th May	2,107,183
Shipments during the week to Europe	7,051
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	3,041
Total	10,097
Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 18th May.	
Europe	290,335
Japan	473,352
China	250,726
Coast Ports	24,359
Total	818,772
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	8,185
China, Japan, and Coast Ports	15 579

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—quiet.

Estimated sales	10,000 bales
Imports	17,000 do

May-June	June-July	July-Aug
4.21	4.26	4.27
—2	—2	—2
Aug. Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov
4.28	4.28	4.29
—2	—3	—3
Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
4.23	4.30	4.31
—2	—3	—3

COTTON.—The market closes quiet but steady and unchanged.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

Sengal (I.-G.) (By. terms)	170	158	...
Bengals, M. G (By terms)	181	171	...
Sind-Punjab M. G.	179	169	...
Oomrawatee (deseptd) (M.-G.)	184	177	...
Khandeish do.	...	176	170
Jalgaon do.	...	178	172
Khandgaum fair staple (M.-G)	185	178	...
Karanja do, do, do,			
Akola do, do, do			
Oomra, good staple (M.-G.)	194	187	...
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M.-G)	187	181	...
Nagpore Kampti do	193	187	...
Broach (M.-G.)	206	203	200
Bhowngar, (M. G) ...	191	185	...
Do. (H. G.) ...	188	182	178
Dharwar (S.-G) ...	...	214	
Westerns ...	...	192	

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

LINSEED.—The market has been firm during the past week and a considerable business has been put through both in ready and forward. Prices have advanced in sympathy with the rise in values in the Home markets, and to-day's quotations are about 4 annas per cwt. higher than those ruling last Friday. The market closes steady.

RAPESEED has been steady since our last report, and a small advance has taken place. A moderate business is passing and the market closes as under.

POPPYSEED.—This market has ruled firm and business has been done at an advance of 1 anna per cwt. on last week's closing rate.

CASTORSEED has been steady with a better enquiry, but there is little or no change to report in prices.

WHEAT.—The market has been firm since we last wrote and a good business is passing, rates having advanced 2 to 3 annas per cwt. We close as under :—

LINSEED—Tone steady.

	Rs. a. p.
Ready buyers	7 8 0
Forward Suttah May	7 8 6
do September	7 15 0
RAPESEED—Tone steady	
Brown Cawnpore, Ready	0 11 0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	7 3 0
Yellow Guzerat Ready	7 4 0
POPPYSEED—Tone steady.	
Ready	7 12 0
CASTORSEED—Tone quiet.	
Ready	2 8 0 0
WHEAT—Tone quieter,	
White Delhi ready	4 12 6 per cwt.
Do. Do forward	4 11 0 do.
Jubbulpore, Pessi	30 0 0 per candy

Week's arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay :—

Cotton	67,444 bales
Wheat	217,422 cwts
Linseed	145,063 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	31,613 "
Gingellyseed	3,150 "
Poppyseed	33,037 "
Groundnuts	6,535 "
Castorseed	7,274 "
Rice	09,039 "
Myrabolams	13,492 "
Cottonseed	41,150 "
Mowrasseed	253 "
Gram	13,099 "
Jowar	44,274 "
Maize	288 "

FREIGHTS.

The market has been quiet but steady during the week with a small business doing for ready and forward. The steadiness is reported as due to the operations of speculators. For this month's loading a small quantity has been booked for Antwerp at 13s. 6d. and Hamburg, measurement, at 15s. Rates are as follows :—

13s. 6d. to 14s	May
13s. 6d. p. p	June
14s. p. p	July August

The following fixtures are reported since we last wrote :—

S. S. "Baron Innerdale" at 13s. 3d. p. p, May-June.

S. S. "Clan Chattan" at 13s., 3d. p.p. May-June

S. S. "Knight Batchelor" at 13s. 3d. p. p. 13s. 9d. 2 p. p. May-June.

S. S. "Ville de Tamatave" at 13s., 2 French ports June.

The market closes quiet but steady,

MONEY.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 9th March	2 1-2	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do 14th April	5	do
Bank of Bengal do 27th do	4	do
Bank of Madras do 14th May	5	do

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 13th May as compared with that of the 6th May :—

LIABILITIES.

Public Deposits	Rs	4,27,956	Increase
Other Deposits	"	43,44,700	do.
Sundries	"	55,202	do.

ASSETS.

Government Securities	Rs	7,25,500	do.
Other Authorised Securities	"	16,30,307	do.
Credits on Securities	"	3,04,479	do.
Loans, do.	"	2,07 743	do.
Bills discounted & purchased	"	5,05,933	do.
Balances with other Banks	"	1,75,097	do.
Sundries	"	18,130	do.
Cash	"	34,25,175	do.

The Bank of Bombay weekly cash balance is 34 lakhs up and the Bank rate is unchanged at 5 per cent. per annum.

The Bank of Bengal Weekly Cash balance is 61 lakhs down and the Bank rate unchanged at 4 per cent per annum.

The Bank of Madras Weekly Cash balance is 3 1-4 lakhs up and the Bank rate remains at 5 per cent per annum.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The total amount of Council Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday last was 36'80 lakhs. At the periodical bidding on Wednesday 30 lakhs were put up for tender, of which amount 24'40 lakhs were taken in Bills at Rs. 4 31-32d. and 5-60 lakhs in Telegraphic Transfers at 1 . 4d, tenderers at these rates receiving 14 per cent, and above in full. During the week a small extra allotment of 220 lakhs was made on Madras at 1s. 4d. and after the Bidding 10 lakh bills at the same rate was made on Madras. For next week the amount advertised for sale is 30 lakhs.

The mail of the 5th May brings £290,000 silver, and £40,000 gold for Bombay and £40,000 silver for Hong-Kong, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 5,50,000
Bombay	" 4,50,000
Madras	" 1,40,000
Total	Rs. 31,40,000

The mail of the 12th May brings £30,000 silver, and £70,000 gold for Bombay, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 10,80,000
Bombay	" 15,40,000
Madras	" 6,80,000
Total	Rs. 33,00,000

The mail of the 19th May brings £10,000 silver and £50,000 gold to Bombay and £36,000 silver to Hong-Kong and £145,000 silver to Shanghai and the following Council Bills.

Calcutta	Rs. 8,80,000
Bombay	" 13,30,000
Madras	" 3,00,000
Total	Rs. 24,70,000

EXCHANGE.

The Secretary of State sold the 30 lakhs Council drafts offered on Wednesday at the same rates as last week, viz., 1s. 4 31-32d. Demand and 1s. 4d. Telegraphic Transfers.

Sterling Exchange has been quiet but steady. Nothing over 1s. 3 31-32d. D.-D. is obtainable, but there are several buyers at 1s. 4d.—T. T. is quoted 1s. 3 15-16d to 1s.3 31-32d. to end of August, 1s. 4d. September-October and 1s. 4 1-32d. November-December. In Mercantile paper 1s. 4 1-8d. 3 months' sight D.-A. bills and 1s. 4 7-32 6 months sight Bills are offering for May and June, but very little business is passing. The market closes quiet but steady at the undermentioned rates.

Exchange—Tone quiet but steady.

Bank T. T.	1s. 3 15-16d to 31-32d.
Bank Demand	1s. 3 31-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D A	1s 4 1-8d.
Do do do	1s. 4 7-32d.
French Francs 3 do do	169 1-2 to 3-4
Marks 3 do do	137 3-4 to 133
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	138
Shanghai 30 do do	193
Japan 30 do do	149

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The Rupee paper market has been steadier during the past week, and after fluctuating slightly a small advance has been effected. The Bank of Bengal cash balance is again down this week to the extent of 61 lakhs, and locally money is in somewhat better demand, so that a further advance has received a check. A moderate business has been done since our last report and this evening the market closes steady at the under-mentioned rates.

	Repayable.	Rate.
3 1-2 per cent, cash		98-13
3 1-2 per cent, 1st May		98-11
3 per cent, ready		88-0
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1923	104 0
4 per cent " "	1930	105 0
4 per cent " "	1933	105 0
4 per cent " "	1934	105 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1934	104 10
4 per cent " "	1943	104 8
4 per cent " "	Tanna	120
5 per cent " "	Sanitary	117
4 per cent Bo. Imp. Trust	1959	103 8
4 per cent " "	1964	104 4

BULLION.

The Silver market is firm and advancing owing to the better advices received by wire from London, where purchases on account of China are reported to have been made. The local off-take is about 70 bars per diem. The following are closing prices :—

	Rs. a. p.
English Bar Gold	24 1 3
Australian Bar Gold	24 0 3
Bombay do	24 0 0
English Shield Sovereigns	15 2 6
Do. Dragons	15 0 0
Silver on-duty Ready	68 10 0
Do. 1st settlement	68 8 0
Do. 2nd do.	68 10 0

PIECE GOODS.

The demand advised last week as having sprung up from the Up-Country markets has fallen off during the interval, and prices have consequently given way to some extent. The market is quiet with little doing, and there is no enquiry for forward delivery.

LOCAL YARNS.

The following are the telegrams received from China, since the departure of last mail :—

	Unsold.	Uncleared.	Weekly Sales.
Shanghai	63,000	45,000	2,900
Hong-Kong	38,000	25,000	4,500
	101,000	70,000	7,400 bales

171,000 bales.

The market during the interval has been steady with a very good enquiry for 20's, of which about 4,000 bales are reported to have been sold.

METALS.

COPPER AND YELLOW METAL.—The markets both here and at Home are very quiet, owing to the dullness of demand, and little is doing

IRON AND STEEL.—The markets is firm and G. C. Sheets are going well into consumption. Steel Sheets and bars are also in demand and a moderate business has been put through.

SPELTER PIGLEAD AND QUICKSILVER are quiet and unchanged.

COALS.

During the early part of the week a better enquiry sprang up for ready parcels owing to the approach of S. W. Monsoon, and we hear of a lot of 25,000 tons Jayramdonga, Desherghar and Jardine's having been bought by one of the Railways at our quotations Owing to the cargo of the "Knight of the Garter, (about 10,00 tons Seebpur,) having taken fire on the passage to Bombay, we hear that some is being discharged at Colombo so that this quantity will probably have to be replaced here. A small lot of Yorkshire on the way has been placed at Rs 13-8 per ton, and there is some enquiry on the part of consumers for early shipments of Cardiff. Quotations are as follows :

Desherghat	Rs.	11-8
Jayramdonga	"	10-12
Seebpore	"	11-8
Jardine's Navigation	"	10-12
Davidson's West Hartly	"	13
South Yorkshire	"	13-8
Cardiff	"	16-8

SHARES.

The market is firm and advancing and mill shares are higher. Bank of Bombay shares are quiet at Rs. 1,397 1/2. In Press Companies, Mofussils are quiet at Rs. 575. New Berars at Rs. 510. Indian Cotton at Rs. 145. Volkarts are steady at Rs. 1,100. In Miscellaneous list, Alcock Ashdown are unchanged at Rs. 281 X.D. Badham Piles are weak at Rs. 154. Bombay Burmahs are steady at Rs. 8,600. Quarter Shares have changed hands at Rs. 2,185. Bombay Ice are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 43. Kamps are weak at Rs. 230 X. D Marcks are unchanged at Rs. 138. Oriental Government Life have changed hands at Rs. 142. C.D. Phillips at Rs. 50. Port Cannings have declined to Rs. 445. Treschers have improved to Rs. 625. Bombay Telephones are quiet at Rs. 29. In mill shares, Alliance Cotton have improved to Rs. 205. Bombay Cotton have changed hands at Rs. 595. Bombay United are in demand at Rs. 460, X-D. Central Indias have advanced to Rs. 1,850. Chinas to Rs. 870. Connaughts to Rs. 525. Colaba Land and Mill shares are steady at Rs. 63. Coorla have improved to Rs. 800. Currimbais to Rs. 880. Crescent to Rs. 127-1/2. Davids have jumped to Rs. 415, X-D. Empress have gradually improved to Rs. 360. Framji Petit to Rs 1 005 X.-D., Hindustan to Rs. 620. Howard and Bullough at the beginning of the week were reported to have changed hands at Rs. 500, and later on they have improved to Rs. 515. Imperials after changing hands at Rs. 150, have improved to Rs. 155, Indian Manufacturing have advanced to Rs. 730, James Greaves to Rs.460 Jawraj Baloo are unchanged at Rs. 400. Jubilee have improved to Rs 530. Leopolds are quiet at Rs. 98. Lakmidas have improved to Rs. 520. Manockji Limits have gradually improved to Rs. 2,700. Morarjis are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 2,130 X.-D. New Great Eastern have improved to Rs. 180. Queen have advanced to Rs. 860, Ripon to Rs. 780 X-D. Sassoon Mill shares are steady at Rs. 885, Sholapurs are unchanged at Rs. 2,550. Southeran Marathas have improved to Rs. 207 1/2. Standards have jumped up to Rs. 740 X.-D. Swadeshis to Rs. 1,265 X.-D. Sassoon Silk are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1,050, X.-D. Western Indias have improved to Rs. 610. Kohinoors have advanced to Rs. 635. In Railway Companies Tapti Valleys have changed hands at Rs. 405. Ahmedabad Prantej are steady at Rs. 512 1/2. The rest are unchanged at previous quotations.

THE MOTOR TRAGEDY.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST.

THE coroner's inquiry into the Markyate motor-car fatality lasted until 10 p.m. on Monday (May 1 and was then adjourned until the Monday following.

Mr. Arthur Garbett manager of the Union Brewery and residing at Watling on Shorpshead was called, Mr. Richards leaving the room in the meantime. The witness said that Mr. Hildebrand Harmsworth was the Unionist candidate for his division and that the acquaintance had been slight. Mr. Harmsworth's chauffeur Cornabas. He had once before ridden with him in the motor car. On Tuesday, April 18 Cornabas came to the witness's office and asked if he would like to have a drive in the car to London. The witness asked if he could bring a friend, and, the chauffeur replying in the affirmative Mr. Richards, who happened to be coming in about that time, the witness introduced them. They started from Wellington at ten in the morning and the distance to London, he should judge, by the course they took would be about 130 miles. They had nothing to drink before they started. On arrival at the Swan Hotel, Coleshill they called for a little refreshment. Their next stoppage was at the King's Head, Coventry, where the weather being bad, with rain and snow, they had lunch, with a bottle of Beaune between them. About two o'clock they set out from Coventry, and did not stop again until they reach Markyate.

The Coroner.—Now we come to the spot where the accident happened. Do you remember passing a gentleman on a bicycle ?—No, I do not.

At what pace were you going through Markyate ?—I have no idea.

What took place ?—When we saw the carts the driver started sounding the horn. I think it was about 300 yards before we came to the carts, I should say going at ten or twelve miles an hour on passing the carts. I saw some boys who appeared to come round the back of the carts, and the driver sounded the horn again. Two of the boys ran one way, and the other ran right into the car. I said "Oh, my God, he has run into the car." I thought the driver was going to stop, and when he started again I exclaimed, "Aren't you going to stop ?" and he said, "No I don't think the boy is hurt. If he is they'll take the number of the car" (sensation).

The Coroner.—Did you see people about ?—I turned round and saw the boy on the ground, and I neither saw nor heard anyone making any effort to stop us in any way either by waving hands or whistling. I took the driver's explanation, and we went on.

When you saw the boy strike the car, did you feel any jar ?—Not the slightest.

Did you hear Mr. Richards say anything ?—I believe he did. The witness added that he did not believe he could have heard anyone whistle, as it was a very rough day.

Did you mention anything else to Cornabas about stopping ?—When I got right on the road, I said I hoped the boy was not hurt, and Cornabas said "I am sure he was not.

What time did you get to London ?—About seven o'clock. We dined at the Swiss Hotel and I returned to Wellington at 4.45 the following afternoon.

What was the first you heard of the accident ?—The first I saw was in the "Daily Telegraph" on the Thursday.

What action did you take ?—I went to Walcot to see Mr. Richards, and we decided to see our solicitor.

THE CHAUFFEUR'S LETTER.

The witness added that as he was going to Walcot, his brother handed him a letter from Cornabas. He had destroyed the letter after showing it to Mr. Richards, but so far as he could remember it read :—

I see in the papers there has been a motor car accident. If you are asked any question about it, say you left Coventry at a quarter to three, arriving in London at a quarter to seven.—(Signed) Cornabas.

On Saturday morning the witness came to London, and from the Euston Hotel, he wired for Cornabas, and also Mr. Hildebrand Harmsworth. Cornabas replied that he would be there at one o'clock, and Mr. Harmsworth came a little later. When Mr. Harmsworth arrived he sent to Scotland-yard for Detective-sergeant Fowler, and had an interview with Cornabas. Afterwards they all went down to Hatfield.

Answering Mr. Durant, Mr. Garbett said that he had never been on the Markyate road before. When he saw the boy lying on the ground he had no idea that he was injured. On the Thursday after the accident, the witness received a telegram from Mr Harmsworth asking what time he left Coventry and the witness replied about two o'clock. When Cornabas came to Euston, the witness told him that he was going to Hatfield to give information to the police. That was before Mr. Harmsworth came.

By Mr. Muir.—The witness saw the boy running behind the cart into the car. He could not say whether the driver looked round, but he (the witness) did not tell him that the boy was lying on the ground.

Mr. Muir.—What steps did you take to go to the boy's assistance ?—I did not know that he was knocked down by the car.

Do you seriously say that ?—Yes. The driver said the boy was not hurt.

What did Mr. Richards do ?—He stood in the car and said "Whoa, whoa."

Did you do anything further on the journey to make the driver turn or go back ? Did you report to anybody the accident ?—No.

Do you suggest that you were carried off against your will ?—Yes.

And yet never reported the matter ?—No.

Why did you send the telegram to Mr. Harmsworth saying that the report in his paper was insufficient ?—Mr. Harmsworth makes out that he had done everything himself, and that we had not come forward to help him.

And did you do so ?—Yes.

That was on Saturday morning,—when Mr. Harmsworth was telegraphing you on the previous Thursday asking what time you had left Coventry—and that was after consulting your solicitor ?—Yes.

By Mr. Murphy.—What did you want to give a man a chance for ? What had the chauffeur done ?—I do not think I did right now.

Were you afraid of standing in the dock with him ?—No.

You seriously suggest that you were carried off from the scene of the accident against your will ?—Yes.

In spite of the abduction of yourself and your friend, you three spent the evening at the Gaiety Theatre after dining at Simpsons.

Mr. Alfred Henry Richards, the other occupant of the car, was then called. His evidence as to the journey and the accident corroborated generally that of Mr. Garbett. The witness declared that Mr. Garbett repeatedly asked the chauffeur to stop, but the driver led them to believe that it was a slight affair, and the witness made no effort after this.

Pressed by Mr. Muir as to why he did not insist on the chauffeur stopping.

Mr. Richards said that he had no explanation.

Mr. Muir : You would have stopped had it been your own child ?

Yes, admitted the witness.

At this stage the inquiry was adjourned.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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BIRTH.

SYMONDS—April 26, at Linwood, Exmouth, the wife of William Powell Symonds, late I.C.S., Bombay, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ASHFIELD—MORGAN—April 27 at the Parish Church Wrotham J S son of the Major W F Ashfield, Bombay Staff Corps to Florence Maud daughter of — F Morgan.

BROADBENT—WILKINSON—April 25 at Harrow-on-the Hill F M Broadbent naval Instructor Royal Navy to Cecilia Annie daughter of the late A Wilkinson.

CHICHESTER—COTTRELL-DORMER—April 25 at Rousham Church Lieut C G Chichester R N son of the late Major-Gen H Chichester K A to Katherine Elizabeth daughter of the late C G Cottrell-Dormer.

COUTTS—SHARPLES—April 27 at St Paul's Church Hooton Cheshire Major Coutts Army service Corps Egyptian Army to Elizabeth Maud Sharples daughter of Mrs Sharples.

DATHAN—ADDISON—April 27 at St Jude's Southsea Engineer Lieut W A Dathan R N of his Majesty's ship Hearty to Edith Clara eldest daughter of the late A Addison.

DRAGE—Greaves—April 27 at Llanbedrog Parish Church Capt G Drage Indian Army son of Major W H Drage late 89th and 53rd Light Inf Regts to Dorothy daughter of J M Greaves Lord Lieut of the County of Caernarvon.

DEATHS.

BAYLEY—May 1 at Tanilan Dolgelly J F Bailey late captain 13th (Somersetshire) Light Inf aged 50.

BAILLIE—At Massilion on the 21 April Julia Luisa the beloved wife of D C Baillie I C S Commissioner Benares.

BIRD—April 25 at Monte Carlo C Bird V D Major Villas Kensington late Colonel of the 1 S I aged 62.

HILL—April 25 at Bloemfontein South Africa of enteric Lieut A H Hill of the 32nd Light Field Art.

HOBHOUSE—May 2 at Bruton Street Mary widow of Lord Hobhouse.

HOLFORD—April 25 at Third Avenue Hove Brighton H P Holford late 10th Hussars aged 67.

JUDD—April 21 Frances Elizabeth wife of Capt A G Judd of Chevening Road Brondesbury aged 56.

KING—April 25 at Fern Bank Withington Manchester Alderman J King J P aged 83.

RIGHT—April 26 at Pangbourne Ethel Marion Short wife of Capt W A Short R A.

SMITH—April 27 at Nevern Square Jane Elizabeth wife of Major E Smith.

SPOONER—April 26 at Lynton North Devon Eliza widow of Lieut W H Spooner aged 68.

TURNOUR—April 27 at Blenheim Lodge Kew Gardens the Hon A Turnour son of the late Earl Winterton aged 72.

OTHER PROVINCES.

BIRTHS.

ALLEYNE—April 23, at St George's Road, Madras, the wife of Capt R N Alleyne, R N, of a son.

CARR—May 15, at Mount Abu, the wife of Major H Carr R A M C, of a son.

EMERY—May 17, at "Woodland," Kilpauk, Madras, the wife of J Ibbotson Emery, of twin sons.

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Sun rises, 5h, 24m. Sun sets, 6h 29m. High water, 0-34m., 1-24a. Low water 5-27m., 7-13a.

THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The "Arabian Minstrel Troupe" from the R. M. S. "Arabia" will give a Variety Entertainment to conclude with a Laughable Sketch in the Seamen's Institute Prince's Dock, (opposite the Main Gate) commencing at 8-30 to-night, admission free.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PARSI FIRE TEMPLE IN BOMBAY.—The 197th Anniversary of the Banajee Limjee Agiary in Fort, the First Fire Temple in Bombay will be celebrated to-day (Saturday) the 20th instant when the Trustees have invited the members of the community to take part in the Jasan ceremony at 4. P. M. in honour of the occasion.

SAINT DUTY AND EDUCATION :—A meeting of the Marathi Dnyanhi Gawda Mandali of Ratnagiri District residing in Bombay is called by its leaders for to-morrow (Sunday) at 4 p. m. in the Byculla Fulmati Hall near Khatao Makanji Mills, Haines Road to thank the Government for the recent Saint Duty and to elect representatives for making a petition to Government for giving Primary education free in all schools in Bombay Presidency.

KILLED BY A SNAKE.—Yesterday at about 6 A.M. when Rama Pandoo, a Hindu lad of nine years of age, living with his mother at Matunga, went to ease himself to an adjoining field he was bitten by a snake which came rushing towards him from a heap of dry leaves wherein he was picking a stick. Instantly he ran home saying he was bitten by a snake His mother and neighbours administered to him country medicine but the boy after half-an-hour's agony succumbed to the bite of the snake.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—Yesterday morning at the Mazagon Police Court, Mr. P. H Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, sentenced Moti Ramji, Hindu old offender, to one year's rigorous imprisonment out of which two months were to be spent in solitary confinement. He was put up before his Worship by Inspector De Burgh on the charge of attempting to commit the theft of a copper pipe valued at Rs. 14 the property of the Adam Pembroy Mill. Evidence showed that on the night of Wednesday last the accused attempted to cut the pipe, which he was attached to a tank when he was arrested and made over to the police. The accused pleaded guilty.

MUSIC AT THE APOLLO BUNDER.—The Victoria String Band will play the following programme of music at Messrs. W. B. Green and Co's Apollo Bunder Restaurant, this evening, during dinner hours :—

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Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
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Eden (bque)	414	Soldan			Tyo Captain.
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Alavia	2974	Pigot			E Tajbhoy
Suradia	4039	Soglind			Mackenzie & Co
Hasheem	3179	Molony			R & T S N Co
Tientsin	2555	Goldsmith			P & O Co
Folgate	1397	Chesshire			W & A Graham & Co
Simla	2340	Summers	China		P & O Co
Dunrobin	2412	Anderson			W & A Graham & Co
Lord Kelvin	2138	Beckerley			W & A Graham & Co
Fausta	3539	Leitwich			T Morrison & Co
Uganda	3408	Cunningham			M & Co
Zinnia	2509	Burke			R A Wise
Arlon Castle	2570	Day			M & Co
Lalpoora	2124		Colombo		M M & Co
Arcadia	5813	Littell			P & O Co

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Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destinations.	Date.	Agents.
B	Clan Chattan	3200	Wilson			F Muir & Co
C&H	Sir Bachelor	3481	Fiance	33 miles		T M & Co
L&E	Diego Suarez	2317	LeMesu	Dunkirk		E K & Co
F	Clan Macanna	3589	Jones	Havre		Muir & Co
K	Turcoman	3299	Falcon	Marseilles		E Tajbhoy & Co
N	Orwell			Zanzibar		T Morrison & Co
O	General	1831	Penn	Zanzibar		Strauss
Q	Bygrove	2242	Lund	Malta		K Nash & Co
Q	Akbar	1840	Salawin	Mauritius		H C Joosub
				Offices		
M	Clan Mackenzie	1921	Wilson	Hamburg		E Tajbhoy
				Docks		
	Indravati	513	Ahmed	Masiora		Shpd & Co
	Kavari	553	Fakeem	Bunga		Shpd & Co

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3	Spring well	1943	Woodrow	Antwerp		S M & Co
5	Hyades	1497	Faust	Penial		W & A & Co
6	Wensleydale			Sharp	Antwerp	S M & Co
8	Felmegaran	2230	Palmer	Aden		P & O Co
9	Director	3108	Simpson	Genoa		R Nixon & Co
10&11	Wartburg	3031	Schmid	Kobe		Glade & Co
12	Arabia	4167	Lough	London		P & O Co
14	Kapurthala	221	Nimmo	Karachi		M Mackenzie & Co
16	Heatlecrag	2253	Courtenay	Gibraltar		K N & Co

ARRIVAL.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
19	Arcadia	Littell	Aden, May 14

DEPARTURES.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
19	Lama	Carey	Karachi
	Argyll	Harrison	Barcelona, &c
	Nairung	Sandilland	Calcutta, &c

The steamer Clan Mackinnon, Jones, for Havre, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—
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MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

May	Vessel.	From
5	Clematis	Calcutta
16	Clan Grant	Coast
17	Zamania	No. Spatam
17	Pahang	Rangoon

DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY 19.

FOR LIVERPOOL

Clan Urquhart s—27 algs wool C Joosub 22 bales wool M Hatasai ; 47 bales wool D Goodlet ; 27 bales wool M Ramjidas ; 1000 cases rice N Khairaz and Co.
Director s—4000 cwt bone meal E O Naojee ; 1300 cwt cottonseed Hafiz Bros.

FOR HULL.

Hyades s—6201 cwt cottonseed A Khimjee.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Diego Suarez s—4000 cwt wheat A C Michalidi and Co ; 275 bales cotton J A Hegbe and Co ; 182 cwt gum J Nur bheram.

FOR ANTWERP.

Wensleydale s—150 bales cotton N Khairaz and Co 8223 cwt linseed Hafiz Bros.

FOR HAMBURG.

Warthurg s—56 bales cotton 401 cwt rapeseed and 6000 cwt cottonseed Hafiz Bros.

FOR GENOA.

Directors— 31 bales cotton Hafiz Bros ; 62 bales hemp M Mashowjee.

FOR HAVRE.

Diego Suarez s—1000 cwt horns J Esmail.

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THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, MAY 19.

Local rain has fallen on the Burma Coast, Assam North and East of Bengal, and South-West Peninsula. Tavoy reports 2 1-2 inches of rain, Dhubri 1 1-2, Tezpur Cherrapoonji, Bangalore, Karwar Mercara, Mangalore and Coconbo, 1 inch ; Mergui, Mymensingh, Darjeeling, Mysore, and Trichinopoly, 1-2 an inch. Local rain is probable on the Burma coast, Assam, Bengal and South-West Peninsula.

THE WEATHER AT MATHERAN.

The following are the weather observations at Matheran :—

Date	Temperature Max.	Min.	Rainfall Inches	Cents
May 17th	86°	70°	...	...

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A. M. ON FRIDAY, THE 19th OF MAY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure.—With the exception of a brisk fall at Poona, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Hyderabad (Deccan), Trichinopoly and Bellary, and a brisk rise at Lahore and Jacobabad, pressure changes have been small and somewhat irregular. The barometer is from '05 to '11 below normal in Bengal, the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, Mysore and Ceylon and at Khandwa Raipur, Hoshangabad, Veraval, Bhavnagar Para and Ahmedabad.

Winds are south-westerly to south-westerly at most places and the force has been fresh to strong at Jamnagar, Bhuj, Dwarka, Rajkot, Veraval, Poona, Ratnagiri and Mormugao.

Temperature.—The maximum temperature is 6° to 9° in excess of normal at Deesa, Ahmedabad, Khandwa, Malegaon, Indore Ahmednagar and Aurangabad and the minimum 6° to 9° at Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Malegaon and Amraoti. The highest temperature in the shade was 115° at Deesa and the lowest 65° at Bangalore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in several places.

Rain.—Over one inch fell at Colombo (1·03) and light to moderate showers at Raipur, Nagpur, Mormugao, Karwar, Mangalore, Calicut, Cochin, Bangalore and Trichinopoly.

Weather.—The abnormal chart indicates the existance of a low pressure area to the eastwards of Madras in the Bay, and the weaher on and off the South Coromandel Coast is unsettled. Local scattered showers are probable in Ceylon, the Madras Presidency, on the Malabar Coast and in Mysore.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

DIVINE SERVICE.

IV SUNDAY, AFTER EASTER, MAY 21.

ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
9 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Woodward in E.
Hymns—7, 504, 695 and 569.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Canticles—Chants
Anthem—
Hymns—133, 12 and 231
Collection for—S P G E
Daily matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7-45 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.
Collections for Church expenses and Poor

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, (Wardby Road.)

8 a.m.—United Service (St Andrew's Church)
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Preacher The Rev G P Taylor D D
Hymns—183, 371, 459 and 613.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH, (Frere Road.)

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
9 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral).
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. PETER'S MAZAGON.

6-30 a.m.—Matins
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Hymns,
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Alms for Church expenses.

WESLEYAN CHURCH
Colaba Causeway.

8 a.m.—Parade Service—Preacher—Rev C Ryder Smith B A.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Preacher—Rev C Ryder Smith B A.
6-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
7-30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
8-45 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.
9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev. A J Reynell
6 p.m.—Preacher—Rev. A J Reynell.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,
(Church of Scotland.)

8 a.m.—Holy Morning Service.
11 a.m.—
6 p.m.—

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CATHERINE OF RUSSIA.

MORE than a century ago, passed away Catherine the Great of Russia, and since then numerous writers have held up, justly or unjustly, her weak points to the scorn of the world. A book that has just been published, "The Courtships of Catherine the Great, by Philip W. Sergeant (George Bell and Sons), does not attempt to condone or conceal the manifestations of the most deplorable integral part of her character—what this writer calls her "vice"—for it cannot be ignored and greatly affected her Government of Russia. But he accepts only what is established by the good faith of a few reliable authors, and is thus fair in his treatment of the character of an Empress among whose faults pettiness had no place. Catherine as a child gave no promise of the capacity for good or for evil, which she displayed to so remarkable a degree in mature years. Born in Stettin in the year 1729, she led the simple life of an ordinary German Princess of that date. She was well-educated in the literature of the day, and later devoted herself to Voltaire's works until the French Revolution so disgusted her that she banished his books from her Palace. When she was fifteen, that arch tyraut, Empress Elizabeth of Russi , invited her parents to St. Petersburg and practically ordered that their daughter Sophia should accompany them. This was with a view to her marrying Prince Peter Ulric of Holstein, nephew and adopted heir of Elizabeth. Peter made a poor impression on Sophia. Catherine records her opinion of him years later in her diary. He was just sixteen, very childish, frank to imbecility towards his cousin and intended bride, she apparently winning his regard at that early stage by her reception of his confidences. The next process was to teach her the Greek religion. She threw off willingly her Lutheran traditions, learned Russian diligently, and was quite alive to the value of the dignity awaiting her as wife of the future Emperor of Russia. She took the name of Catherine on being received into the Greek Church. Her betrothal followed at once. Between that and her marriage, Peter contracted smallpox, and this did not add to his attractions. The wedding took place in August 1745 when Catherine was 16 years old and Peter seventeen. She had no delusions in regard to Peter, and by her own account no hopes of happiness as his wife, but she was an ambitious young person, and faced the future bravely. Peter was clearly an impossible husband, brought up by Elizabeth on the assumption that he was a fool, he almost justified her treatment. He had the lowest and most childish tastes, preferred the society of his attendants to that of his wife, romping with them and drilling them ad nauseam, had a marionette theatre and toys, like any child. Elizabeth placed creatures of her own over the new household of the Grand Duke and Duchess, and it was soon apparent that there was to be no will but that of the Empress. The young people had to submit to all her behests and endure moreover the perpetual presence of her spies. This was not a promising beginning. As years went by, Peter became worse and worse, neglected Catherine, devoted himself to one of her maids of honour, and spent his days and nights drinking.

The Grand Ducal Court was not exactly a school for saints, though for a long time, Catherine made the best of an intolerable situation. It might have been some comfort to her to know that, when Peter was beset by difficulties, he consulted 'Madame la Resource," as he called his wife, acknowledging her sense and judgment, which could suggest a way out. Catherine was not the sort of person to make a Christian martyr of herself, enduring patiently the humiliation she had to go through and refusing the joys of life. As long as the Empress Elizabeth was alive, the Grand Duchess, though she had favourites, did not incur the displeasure of that not too particular ruler. Poniatowski had been dismissed and Saltikoff, before Elizabeth's death which made Peter Emperor of Russia, a position he only enjoyed for six months. The strange thing about this man, whom contemporary writers looked upon as almost an imbecile, was that all the measures of his short reign tended towards reform. His plan to repudiate and imprison Catherine and marry his mistress, Elizabeth Voronzoff, was betrayed to his wife by the Princess Dashkoff, and Catherine then, if not before, hearkened to proposals presumably made to her by the Orloffs to take over the Government. At a banquet, she was not only publicly insulted by Peter, but orders were given by him that she should be arrested that evening. This decided the party, at whose head were the three Orloffs, to bring to a head the conspiracy to replace Peter with Catherine. The regiment of the Guards and, indeed, all the Army, was devoted to the Empress and, with their assistance, the Revolution of 1762 was accomplished in two hours' time, and bloodlessly. Even the short description given by Mr. Sergeant of this rapid coup d'etat is most vivid and interesting, but too long to quote here. Catherine's comments on the event are instructive. She acted with singular coolness and resolution throughout, secured Peter's formal abdication, and took measures to assign him a suitable residence But as she coolly wrote to Poniatowsky "le bon Dieu en disposa autrement," for the unfortunate Emperor died after a few days' illness. Catherine has been acquitted of any share in bringing about his death, and it is highly improbable that she had a hand in it. That the Orloffs wanted Peter out of the way, and took measures to put an end to so feeble a life is not unlikely. Catherine must have been strengthened by this event in her faith in what she called "His Sacred Majesty Chance." Once she was seated on the throne of Russia, all internal troubles in the country ceased, she gave her mind to consolidating the Empire, and it was her proud boast that she came to Russia poor, but left Poland and the Crimea as her dower to the country. She found Russia a prey to anarchy and misrule, with little voice in Continental affairs, and when she died forty million souls owed allegiance to Russia, while her position was almost that of arbiter of Europe. Three times the area of the British Isles were added by her skilful diplomacy to the Empire.

Of all Catherine's favourites Patiomkin was the only one who influenced affairs of state, and he may be said to have been her Prime Minister t his death. She showered honors and wealth on him as, indeed, she did on all those she raised to that rank and was thus, as Masson rather strongly puts it, a contrast to Queen Elizabeth, who cut off the heads of her favourites and her rivals. Sainte-Beuve, when comparing Catherine with Christina of Sweden, finds that her practice of heaping gifts on a discarded lover, instead of assassinating him, told against her, as it showed the depth of her scorn of men and nations. The cost of the long list of favourites to the State, Casters estimated at 92,820,000 roubles (£9,280,000) There was no return to the Empire from any of the men who divided this immense sum except from Patiomkin, who had big conceptions of what Russia might become, and who responded to, or as some say, inspired Catherine's desire to add the Crimea to the Empire, and ably assisted her in acquiring great part of Poland ; and from Zoritch, who was favourite for a short time and, when dismissed, founded as some acknowledgment of the lavish gifts, he had received, a military school at Shklof, where two hundred young officers were trained. The treatment which the Empress Elizabeth had meted out to Catherine and Peter, when under her tutelage and Catherine's horror and disapproval of the heartlessness they experienced might have, one would think, effectually warned her off similar conduct in the management of her own son. But she kept him in galling dependence on her during the forty-two years he was her subject. He enjoyed no rights as her son, and still less as the father of his own children. She was nevertheless tenderly attached to her grandchildren. Mr. Sergeant condemns utterly her conduct towards Paul, as the greatest blot on her domestic character But Catherine displayed incousistency in other ways. Whatever was her own disregard of the proprieties as evidenced by her system of favoritism she exercised a severe censorship on moral questions in her Court. She would not permit scandalous talk, attacks on morals or religion among those who surrounded her. It cannot be said that her internal administration was as successful a realisation of her early aims as her foreign policy. She too readily adopted new schemes before previous ones had matured, and in the latter years of her reign, she was under an influence that in no way made for progress. But, on the whole, she governed Russia more wisely than her predecessors, and left it not only larger but better inhabited and better governed. Of the two passions that held Catherine in thrall to the last day of her life, one, her love of glory, did not blemish her fair fame—as did her undisguised love of favourites—though it often degenerated into vanity, it worked for the welfare of her adopted country and earned for her the title of Great.

EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. E. D. TELFER-SMOLLETT, of the 3rd Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment, whose well chosen subject—"The best method for carrying out the conjoint practice of the Navy and Army in embarkations and disembarkations for War"—received the gold medal of the Royal United Service Institution recently, makes some very interesting suggestions which should receive attention. He desires to see conjoint practice of the Navy and Army at least once in two years, and he suggests the appointment of blue-jacket instructors to give soldiers some knowledge of the handling of boats and oars. There will be few who will not agree with Colonel Telfer-Smollett that there is no reason why an invading army in manœuvres should not be opposed both during the operation and after it has been concluded. The manœuvres last year were merely an exercise or evolution, and were not at all representative of any actual disembarkation. The difficulties in future of setting foot on an enemy's shore, we apprehend, will be infinitely greater than at any previous time. To disembark a great army on an open coast must, in any case, be a dangerous business unless friendly ships effectually command the seas, while, in harbours and estuaries, shore guns, the presence of submarines, torpedo boats, and the use of mines, the latter perhaps the most important factor of all, will make any attempt so perilous as to be practically impossible We except, of course, the chance of surprise landings of raiding parties Yet, to a Power that commands the seas the disembarkation of troops in an enemy's country is a possibility. Colonel Telfer-Smollett makes many other practical suggestions and is right in holding up the lesson of Japanese laborious foresight and preparedness, which omits nothing and forgets nothing, as contrasted with Russian supineness leading to disaster and national disgrace.

THE GAEKWAR OF BARODA.

THE Gaekwar of Baroda, has consented, at the request of the Committee of the Indian Section of the Society of Arts, to take the chair when Mr. H. J. Tozer reads his paper on the manufactures of India. Many distinguished persons, including Secretaries of State and ex-Viceroys, have presided at Indian meetings held under the ægis of the great Society in John Street, Adelphi, but this, we fancy, will be the first time that such a position has been occupied in England by a ruling Prince of India, and the Society of Arts may fairly congratulate itself on having induced the Gaekwar to set so excellent an example to other enlightened Chiefs who may visit England later. Mr. Tozer's paper is the third of the series, on "The Manufactures of Greater Britain," organized by the Society as a sort of adjunct to the Fiscal discussion, and the information thus brought together should be of great use to those who take an active part in the campaign either as writers or speakers. The need for such information being imparted has, since the raging tearing propaganda was started, been only too frequently demonstrated and not least of all by the "colossal ignorance" (Mr. Wyndham's phrase) as to India displayed at the outset by Mr. Chamberlain himself. Mr. Tozer, when in India, recently on a holiday, availed himself of the opportunity of making himself personally acquainted with leading branches of industry in the Presidency capitals, so his paper should be quite up to-date. It will, it is hoped, also help to break down the barrier which prevents the flow of capital to India in as large a volume as is desirable.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND INDIA.

THE Foreign Office has lost no time in publishing text of the Convention between England and France respecting the above which was signed more than two years ago, though only ratified a few weeks ago. It is provided that coffee, cocoa, pepper, piments, amomums and cardamums, cinnamon, cassia lignea, nutmegs, mace, cloves, vanilla and tea, produce of of India, shall enjoy, on importation into France, Algeria, French colonies and possessions and the Protectorates of Indo-China and Tunis, the lowest customs duties applicable to similar products of any other foreign nation. Reciprocally, the natural and manufactured products of France and her possessions are to enjoy, without restriction or reserve on importation into India, the lowest customs duties applicable to similar products of other foreign origin. Further the duties on vinegar in casks and coppras produced in France and French processions are not to exceed 2½ per cent. ad valorem It is expressly stated that the privileges and engagements comprised in the Convention shall extend to Native States of India which may be entitled to be placed with regard to the stipulations of the Convention on the same footing as British India. The Convention will also immediately after the exchange of ratifications on March 27. The Convention with Japan regarding India, the ratifications of which were exchanged at Tokio on March 15, is also published.

DISPOSAL OF WASTE IN ROLLING MILLS.

AN interesting lecture was recently delivered by a Mr. Calderwood before the South Staffordshire Iron and Steel Institute under the somewhat novel title of "Some Ideas : Wise and therwise," in which the lecturer remarked that one of the really hard problems of a rolling mill was the disposal of waste. At the hot bloom shears in the Torain Steel Works, Ohio, they solved the problem in a very satisfactory manner by means of a swing table. There can be no doubt that in a great many works the scrap question is sadly neglected. Casting steel ingots into moulds on cars is now adopted nearly everywhere in America. In the United Kingdom, however, more conservatism is shown, and most Bessemer works still hold to the casting pit. Wherever it could be done at a reasonable cost, we think that the system of casting on cars should be introduced both in Bessemer and open hearth plants, as it is clean, economical and safe. A good machine which is unfortunately not very common in the iron and steel works at home is a fast running saw or disc for cutting iron or steel cold. The fast running saw does not make nearly so clean a cut as the slow saw, but if power was put behind it would do the work very quickly. Referring to the craze for "Americanism," the lecturer was of opinion that we had much to learn from America, and America had much to learn from us. We certainly believe that the Americans do learn a lot from England, but they are cute enough to get what they want and keep quiet about it.

THE P. & O. s.s. Coromandel with the China mails, is expected to arrive in Bombay at 6 a.m. on Monday next.

SHIPMENTS of ironwork and girders for the bridge over the Indus at Kushalgarh will, it is understood, begin next cold weather. Work on the piers has made good progress.

No further collisions have occurred between the Khassadars on either side of the frontier near Kan Dakka, in the Khyber region. The first estimate of the important character of the quarrel prove, therefore, to be correct.

A MURREE telegram on Tuesday evening says : Heavy rain has fallen in Kashmir during the last three days and there is great fear of flood. Business people are removing their goods into boats. Baramula is partly under water, two big bridges have broken, and traffic is closed in consequence.

THE Central Provinces are beginning to wake up, and are cultivating ambitious hopes of a great industrial future. Mineral exploitation is the keyword. The Central India Mining Company, Limited have commenced prospecting for manganese ore at Ramtek in the Nagpur district, where a new company has also been formed called the Indian Manganese Company, Limited. In fact right throughout the Nagpur Division and Jubbulpore and Chindwara there are indications that serious mining work is being prosecuted.

A SMALL committee has met this week in Simla to make final recommendations regarding the equipment of the rank-and-file in the Pioneer regiments —a matter which has been under consideration for a considerable time. The Committee consisted of Colonel Woollcombe, A.A.G. for Musketry ; Lieutenant-Colonel Tanner, A.A.G. (Royal Engineers), and Major Peterson, 32nd Sikh Pioneers, with Major Sherwood, R.E., and Captain Forestier, Walker, R.A. in attendance. We understand that the equipment recommended for adoption will be lighter and more convenient than that now in use

THE statement that Sir George White is going home at once from Gibraltar to confer with the Army Council concerning the friction between Lord Kitchener and the Military Member of Council is, the "Standard" says, officially denied.

A CONTEMPORARY refers to the will of "Peter the Great," which has been described as "a plan for compassing European supremacy," and advocates approach as near as possible to Constantinople and towards the Indies, wars with Turkey and Persia, and possession of the shores of the Black Sea and the Baltic. The will has been denounced as a forgery dictated by the great Napoleon, but, on the whole, its authenticity is highly probable. It does not matter much whether it is authentic or unauthentic. The Great Czar may have bequeathed an iron will to his successors, but Japan has been able to break it, and Peter's dream of Empire is likely to prove nothing but a dream

THE change that is rapidly taking place in the opinions about our prisons of those who have anything to do with the system has been often enough referred to. Mr. Justice Walton, speaking in Manchester at a meeting of the local Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, said that "experience did not lead them to expect that imprisonment would, generally speaking, make men better or more capable of earning honest livings when they came out." The learned judge said more ; but this sentence is the whole thing. The prisons make men no better or more useful. As a matter of notorious fact, they make an enormous number of men worse, and turn them out life-long criminals : but the admission is quite enough to condemn the system. Modern prisons ought to cure crime, not to suspend temporarily the committing of crime.

A CORRESPONDENT is much struck by a suggestion to the effect that the sacred character of the horse in Mohammedan tradition might militate against the success of the motor in countries given up to that faith. I have thought of another point, in my opinion, at least, equally important, he writes. Don't they put alcohol into motor engines to make them go ? Well, the use of alcohol is forbidden to the followers of the Prophet ; and I believe that is one of the rules of conduct which they most strictly observe. So there is another ground for doubting whether the Bedouin of the desert will part with his Arab steed and take to a run-about." The point about alcohol is doubtful. We have heard of a holy man of incredible sanctity living somewhere in Morocco, who is in the habit of taking his magnum of champagne at frequent intervals. True it is explained to the faithful that the wine is always changed by the saint's magic into coffee before it reaches his lips ; but we have our doubts.

THE letter "d" is a small thing (we do not refer to the kind used by the captain of the Pinafore), but, like the fly that gets into the eye, it may be a d to confusion. It is responsible, for instance, for a little mystery of the peerage at this moment. While it is announced that "Viscount Midleton had left Ireland for England" it is stated, almost simultaneously, that "Viscount Middleton has left England for Ireland." The ordinary reader may well be puzzled as to whether this refers to one person, who is imitating Boyle Roche's bird ; or whether there are two. It will simplify matters to say at once that "there's no such a creature" as Viscount Midleton. Viscount Midleton, with the one "d," there is, and to his title that eminent statesman, Mr. St. John Brodrick, is heir. There is a Lord Middleton ; but he is a Baron, not a Viscount. Want of attention to the number of "d's" leads to the confusion. Oddly enough, Viscount Middleton's ance-tor, the first Viscount, spelled his name "Middleton

THE BALTIC FLEET.

STILL AFLOAT.

NEW NAVAL COMMANDER FOR VLADIVOSTOCK.

PREPARATIONS FOR A SIEGE.

ROZHDESTVENSKEY BREAKING DOWN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, MAY 18.

Steamers, arriving at Singapore, report having seen the Russian fleet forty miles from Cape Varella on the 15th instant, and 250 miles east-north-east off Cape Varella on the 16th.

LONDON, MAY 19.

Reuter wires from St. Petersburg that Admiral Birileff had an audience of the Tsar, yesterday, prior to leaving for Vladivostock to command the Naval forces in the Far East.

The report current that he will assume immediate command of the Baltic squadron is unfounded.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky will conduct all the pending operations.

All foreign commercial agents have been requested to leave Vladivostock. This is similar to the measure taken at Port Arthur prior to its investment.

LATER.

Numerous correspondents at St. Petersburg affirm that Admiral Rozhdestvensky is suffering from an internal disease and nervous break-down. He hopes to take his fleet to Vladivostock and then resign and return to Russia.

Reuter (Saigon) says that the gunboat Cassard is watching forty-three transports, mostly Russian and German, off Nhabe, and that the Dupas is watching twenty more off Cape St. Jaques.

INVASION OF INDO-CHINA BY JAPAN.

French Inability to Resist.

Deputy Deloucle has drafted an exhaustive unofficial report concerning the contingency of a Japanese invasion of Indo-China and demonstrates in the plainest language the inability of the French to resist it.

RAGGING IN THE NAVY.

Exemplary Punishment.

In the House of Commons, this evening, Mr. Pretyman, replying to a question, in connection with the ragging of a midshipman on the cruiser Kent by his comrades, said that the Captain had been superseded and put on half-pay and the others concerned had been suitably dealt with.

PIRACY ON THE CANTON RIVER.

Representation to Chinese Government.

Earl Percy, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that Sir E. Satow, was communicating with the Chinese Government in reference to the recrudescence of piracy on the Canton River.

NEW LINE FOR AUSTRALIA.

To call at Java Ports.

The North German cargo steamers which begin running from Bremen to Australia in the autumn will call at the principal ports in Java on the outward and homeward voyages.

A PARLIAMENTARY VACANCY.

Sudden Death of an Irish M. P.

LONDON, MAY 19.

Mr. William O'Doherty, member for the North division of Donegal County, was seized with a fit in his seat in the House of Commons, last night, and was taken to hospital where he died.

Mr. William O'Doherty, M.P. (N.) North Donegal, since 1900, was born in 1868 at Carndonagh, County Donegal; married in 1894 daughter of William Mitchell, shipowner. He was educated at St. Columb's College, Londonderry; admitted a solicitor, 1893; elected coroner for Innishowen, 1894; member of Londonderry Corporation since 1896 and was chairman of the Public Health Committee.

REPORTED DEFALCATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 19.

It is reported that the Government Auditor has detected a fraud, amounting to several thousands of rupees in the Port Commissioner's Office at Calcutta. Details are not yet known.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

SIMLA, MAY 19.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Colonel M. H. S Grover to officiate as Deputy Adjutant-General, Eastern Command, vice Brigadier-General Whitby officiating in command of Bareilly Brigade.

Brevet-Colonel Smith, Deputy Director-General of Contracts, and Captain Hawks, Deputy Director-General of Registration, are appointed ex-officio Assistant Secretaries, Military Department.

Colonel J. B. Forster is to officiate in command of Allahabad Brigade vice Brigadier-General Spens on leave.

Mr. H. G. N. White, gentleman, is to be second Lieutenant Infantry, branch, Indian Army Reserve of officers.

Madras senior Assistant Surgeon A. E. Cabral is permitted to retire.

The re-organisation of the Rangoon Port Defence Volunteers is notified.

Volunteer Officer's decoration is conferred upon the following:—Captain Templer, Assam Valley, Light Horse; Lieut-Colonel Sarjant, G. I. P. Railway Volunteers and Captains Fleischer, Harkness and Owen, Bombay, Baroda Railway Volunteers.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Watson, Chief Constructor, Royal Indian, Marine Dockyard, Bombay, has six months' sick leave.

Lieutenant Huddleston, R.I.M., has three months' extension of leave at home.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

I. M. S. Captains P. K. Whitaker and W. H. Kenrick are posted permanently to the Central Provinces.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. A. Howard is to be Biological Botanist to the Pusa Research Institute.

Mr. Jones, Meteorological Reporter, Madras, has two months' leave. Mr. Littlehailes of Madras Presidency College officiating.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

A question has been asked whether soldiers, who made their election on the 1st April 1904, not to draw service pay may now be permitted to do so. The Adjutant-general has intimated in reply that applications to draw service pay must reach the Accountant of the Government of India on the question of applying the provisions of Army Order 153 of 1904 to the Indian Army.

THE EARTHQUAKE.

A SHARP SHOCK AGAIN AT SIMLA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 19.

A sharp shock of earthquake took place here, this afternoon, after more than a week's quiescence.

THE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND.

LIST REMAINS OPEN.

In view of the urgent appeal of the Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab for more funds for the relief of the sufferers from the recent earthquake, the list of Bombay subscriptions will be keptopen for some time longer, and will not be closed to-day as previously announced.

THE PUNJAB EARTHQUAKE FUND.

The following further subscriptions to the Punjab Earthquake Relief Fund have been received by the Bank of Bombay:—

	Rs.	a.
Amount already acknowledged ...	34,087	2
Ardeser Ghaswalla	10	0
A. Zoroastrian	10	0
Dadi and Framroze C. Golwalla...	15	0
Sir Dinshaw Manekji Petit Bart...	1,000	0
H. FitzG. Beale	80	0
M. C. Tarachund	50	0
Manekji Jamshedji Madhora	5	0
A Parsi Lady through A. B.[illegible].....	5	0
Rao Bi. Hurrishandra K. Joshi ...	20	0
D. N. M. and Family	23	0
Total...	35,235	/

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

"THE DUCHESS OF DANTZIG."

Probably one of the best plays in the repertoire of the Bandmann Company "the Duchess of Dantzig" drew a large house to the Novelty Theatre last night. We have praised the efforts of the Bandmann Company in previous plays produced during the week, but last night they were perhaps seen to better advantage than in any play since their arrival in Bombay. A good deal of their success was due to the spirit imported into the minor parts in the cast, the loyal support of the chorus, and last, but not least, the excellent way in which the music was conducted under the baton of Mr. Warwick Major. The clever acting, music and songs held the audience throughout, despite the great heat, and the Company are to be congratulated on having made a distinct hit. One of the features of the plays produced so far by the Bandmann Company has been the excellence of the staging which last night called forth very favourable comments. Mr. Bandmann has certainly made the most of a stage and theatre which is ill adapted for the production of musical comedy by a company as strong as that which he has brought to Bombay. "The Duchess of Dantzig" differs in one respect from other plays produced during the week in that it has more plot and there is more solid foundation for drawing out the best qualities of the principal members of the Company. They, last night, excelled themselves, as, indeed, did the whole Company, and we can safely say that rarely has a Bombay audience sat out a musical comedy from which they derived more genuine pleasure. The plot of "The Duchess of Dantzig" as we have already mentioned, is less nonsensical than is usually the case in musical comedies and takes form as follows:—

"Le Sans Gene" is a good hearted little Scandinavian of Republican tendencies and is engaged to Sergt. Lefebvre, of the National Guard. This, however does not prevent her from shielding one of the Aristocrats who is pursued by the populace of Paris in those stormy times of the French Revolution. To shield her, Lefebvre has to turn traitor to his cause. La Sans Gene is also laudgress to Lieut. Bonaparte, who, in disgrace at the time, cannot pay his bills. La Sans Gene, however, does not press for payment, but offers to lend him money. He refuses and in a prophetic manner speaks of his future destiny. This destiny is fulfilled and Lefebvre by rising him rises to the rank of Marshal and finally Duke of Dantzic. The Aristocrat, whom she shielded, had left her to look after his son, the Vicomte de Berthune, who falls in love with Mdlle. Renee. Napoleon, now Emperor of France, not liking the manners of the Duchess, orders Lefebvre to divorce her and marry Renee. As the Vicomte appears to be the main obstacle he is ordered to join his Regiment, but spiritedly refuses. Is placed under arrest, tried by court-martial and sentenced to death. Then La Sans Gene beshinks her of the past, takes the old unpaid washing bill and forces her way into the Emperor's presence. The recalling of the days of his youth softens Napoleon's heart and La Sans Gene is allowed to rejoin her husband and to witness the marriage of her adopted son with Mdlle. Renee. Miss Forsythe as "La Sans Gene" acted her part well while Miss Morra made a good impression in the part of Mdlle. Renee. Mr. Mark Lester's impersonation of Napoleon Bonaparte was capital and Mr O'Connor was seen to advantage as Philippe Vicomte de Berthuse. Mr. Roberts who took the part of Napleon, nearly had a suitable role but he made the most of it. Mr. Duncan amused as Sergeant Bendon Lefebvre was also very good as were Mr. Deane Percival and Mr. S. Foxton their respective characters as Captain Regnier and Sergeant Flageot

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE, MAY 5.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Major J Ramsay C I E B — Mr W F Holms B
Capt H McC Cowie B — Mr E D Marshall B
Capt T H Delany I M S B — Lieut-Col J Maitland I M S M
Mr J A Broun B Cov — Mr V V Chetty M Cov
Mr A F Charles B Cov — Mr M Ghose M Cov
Mr W C Macpherson C S I B Cov — Mr R D Broadfoot M Cov
Mr A Yusuf Ali B Cov — Mr J G D Partridge at Home
Mr H Robson B Cov — Mr C du P Thornton M
Mr J Pearson B Cov — Mr C J Ussher
Mr E A Molony B Cov — Mr J P Brander Bo Cov
Mr E F Tipple B — Mr John C Alder Bo Cov
Mr E Channer B — Mr H W Keys Bo
Mr P Ralfsher B — Lieut-Col F G Bradley 75 Carnatic I
Mr B M C Hamilton B — Lieut-Col T H Sweeny I M S
Mr G G Collins B — Major R P Warren 9 G R
Mr F Gantzer B — Major H Comins I A
Mr H G Waterfield B — Capt A H Bisset I A
Mr W L Wilkinson B — Capt M Hunter I A
Mr A W Turner B — Capt T M Lane 9 Bhopal I
Mr H Shepherd B — Lieut H H Brooms I M S
Mr R McIntosh B — Lieut H F Burke R A
Mr H Sanders B — Nursing Sister Miss A M Gilmore Q A M N S I
Mr R C Hodgson B
Mr J E Barrett B
Mr L C Glascock B

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Mr J P Henderson B 10 days furl — Capt C S Follows 108 I up to Oct 15 1905
Mr A F K Bagbie B 3 mo M C — Capt A M Doyston I A 6 mo M C
Mr P Kashasp M Cov furl to Nov 11 1905 — Lieut E D Galbraith 84 Punj 3 mo M C
M H G Skeen Bo 8 days' extraordinary leave — Lieut A F Inglis I G R 3 mo M C
Capt Col H W Brownlidge R E 4 mo M C — Lieut L F Jenkins 20 L Cav to await result of Russian exam
Lieut-Col C M Thompson I M S 4 mo M C — Miss S M Browning Q A M N S 16 mo M C
Major E F Twigg 124 Belooch 1 4 mo M C

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Mr J P Henderson B — Capt P Barclay 120 Rajputana I
Capt E M Illington I M S — Capt C Priestley 52 S
Mr P S P Rice M Cov — Capt F C A Parsons I A
Mr H G Skeen Bo — Lieut W G Bailey 2 G R
Lieut-Col H B Briggs I M S — Chief Engineer H Johnston B I M

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAIL OF 5TH MAY.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Arcadia, Captain A. G. Cubitt, R. N. R., arrived in harbour yesterday morning, with the English Mail of the 5th May. She brought the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Carnegie, Mr W — Young, Mr J
Cubbon, Mrs

FROM MARSEILLES.

Baldwin, Lt — Newsome, Lt
Edward, Miss — Pinsick, Capt C
Fry, Mr G S — Peg do, Mr R
Grainger, Mr A S — Palmer, Mr S
Hoosh, Mr and Mrs B C — Petrie, D G T
Gross, Mr A — Reynolds, Miss H J
Hay, Lt A S — Rose, Mr S H
Hughes, Mr H — Rowland, Dr S
Hopman, Mrs — Tang, Mr J
Ireland, D J S — Ward, Mr and Mrs S H
McKenzie, Mr J H L — White, Mr S
Mantit, Mr G E

FROM BRINDISI.

Clesen, Mr — Granville, Mr C de

FROM GIBRALTAR.

Almeida, Master A — Garcias, Mr G P A
Dacorta, Mr B J W Lobo

FROM ADEN.

Brumhall, Lt — Etheridge, Lt F

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

The following passengers proceed to-day by the P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Peninsular, connecting with s. s. Victoria for Marseilles and London, with the Indian mails of 20th May:—

Balster, Mr R C — Lunt, Mr F W
Brown, Mr W — Murphy, Mr P W
Crouch, Mr A M — Monteath, Mrs
Dalton, Mr F C — Macrae, Mr R
Carey, Mr H — Maguire, Capt F A
Dunlop, Mr and Mrs W B — Nurse of Mrs W L Harvey
Digby, Mr A — Perry, Capt
Fitzhanham, Mr — Scott, Mr W
Gibb, Mr M C — Sawyer, Capt G B
Grant, Capt F W J — Seabrook, Capt G T
Gray, Capt F W J — Stevens, Mr
Gee, Mr R — Stevens, Mr
Hodgson, Mr — Stevens, Mr J E
Hamilton, Mr and Mrs D — Wilson, Mr
Hewitt, Mr and Mrs D — Wilson, Mr
Hall, Mr G D — Wilson, Mr

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MAY 5.

THE ENTENTE CORDIALE.

Although some too enthusiastic spirits, chiefly it would seem English people, rather pestered the King by their demonstrative attentions, the visit to Paris appears to have been in every way satisfactory so far as we can judge. The fact that His Majesty prolonged his stay two or three days and that one of his conversations with M. Delcasse lasted an hour necessarily sets people inquiring. In Berlin they know all about it; but their attempts to prove that the King's stay in Paris for nearly a week, the grand banquet at the Elysee Palace, the repeated interviews with the Minister for Foreign affairs, and the rest are of no political significance only cause people here to smile. It is, I believe, unprecedented for a sovereign in recent times to be met at the railway station on returning to England from a professedly railway journey by the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Foreign affairs. The not unnatural inference is that His Majesty had something very important to communicate to Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne at the earliest possible moment and it is not perhaps very difficult to divine a reason why he should wish to do this "urbi et orbi" rather than secretly.

THE ALIENS QUESTION.

The opposition to the Aliens Bill, the principal Government measure of the session, is proving singularly feeble and the ministerialists are consequently in higher spirits, as they think the measure is desired by the country as a whole as well as by the comparatively restricted areas directly affected by the competition of underpaid foreign labour. The liberal leaders are taunted by the other side with running away——the "in quoque" argument is never absent from political controversies —— but the spokesmen of the opposition deny that they have changed their views. If their attitude is changed they say because the measure as introduced this session is free from the graver defects of the Bill brought in last session. There is something in this but the liberal leaders have had to consider a significant warning they received a few days before the new Bill came on for second reading. I refer to a resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of East end members and candidates held at the National Liberal Club. This resolution conveyed the opinion of those who adopted it including Mr. Sydney Buxton and Mr. Cremer that the Bill of the Government "can be made to satisfy the legitimate demands of East London" and expressed the hope that the second reading would not be opposed by the Liberal party. However, it impressed Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman (now definitively spoken of in Liberal circles as the next Prime Minister) it did not prevent Sir Charles Dilke from moving the following amendment:—"That this House, holding that the evils of low-priced alien labour can best be met by legislation to prevent sweating, desires to assure itself, before assenting to the Aliens Bill, that sufficient regard is had in the proposed measure to the retention of the principle of asylum for the victims of persecution." The whole discussion on the second reading only lasted a day which confirms what Mr. A. Kinnear an old lobbyist wrote in one of the reviews recently as to the change that has come over the House of Commons in recent years. Formerly such a debate would have lasted days if not weeks. If the House goes on in this manner Sir Charles Dilke may drop his agitation in favour of limiting speeches. Mr. Chamberlain took part in the debate and paved the Government on the back for introducing a measure that he thinks tells in favour of the principle underlying his Tariff Reform Scheme. His intervention was scarcely expected and some think the Government will not thank him for his speech. He did not hypocritically contend that he merely wished to exclude criminal, vicious and diseased aliens. He welcomed the Bill because he regarded it as an effort to protect the working classes from the underpaid labour of immigrants. "The step, a very small one, has been taken and will keep out this low class of labour, which previously it being brought in to reduce the wages and lower the standard of life of the working class population in this kingdom—the step is very little indeed to another Bill which I hope will be introduced before long to prevent the goods these people make from coming into the same competition." One of the strongest speeches against the Bill was made by a labour member (Mr. Keir Hardie) and all these special representatives of the working classes with the exception of Mr. Cremer seem to be dead against it. This is interesting as showing that the difficulty is one that only affects certain parts of the country and those not the great industrial centres. Indeed Mr. Keir Hardie intimated that if ever the time comes when alien immigration threatens to be serious it will have to be stopped. Only 58 members voted with Sir Charles Dilke and the Government Majority was swollen to 152. Ten Liberals and one Nationalist voted for the second reading. Apparently only one Unionist, Lord Rothschild's son, supported the amendment. The Front Benchers of the Liberal side abstained from voting and perhaps of which this will give them a freer hand to propose amendments in Committee.

THE ACADEMY.

The writer has for a long time tried to find a satisfactory explanation of the mental attitude of the great majority of visitors to the Academy. Nineteen out of twenty will unhesitatingly condemn the Academy in any year. Never was it so bad, the pictures so poor, there is nothing worth looking at, is the typical verdict. The age of romance was always yesterday. To deplore the condition of the Academy, to condemn the humourous and artistic side of "Punch" are conventional practices which are as much a matter of every day usage as abusing a London Sabbath. In the days of Du Maurier, the reader of "Punch" sighed for Leech, to-day despite the excellence of Bernard Partridge, the fantasies of E. T. Reed, or the "militaresque" humours of Raven Hill, the cry is for Du Maurier, and the talk is of the degeneration of "Punch." In regard to the Academy, a partial explanation doubtless lies in the fact that those who know the galleries, ancient and modern, of continental Europe, who revel among the old masters at the National Gallery, or who visit it after seeing the magnificent collection of the Luxembourg, contrast the Royal Academy as a whole of any year with the masterpieces of the world as a whole, forgetting that these latter are the cream not only of many years of academies, but of schools of art spread over the centuries of artistic history which separate the Renaissance days from the times of Turner, Millais, Leighton and Watts. Rather should the Academy in each year be regarded on its individual merits. Nothing in London is a truer microcosmic representation of current thought, action, sentiment and history through the Empire. Therefore to be blase in regard to the Academy, is merely a reflex action arising out of the blase attitude with which we regard our everyday occupations, thoughts, and pleasures. The Academy is but the pictorial representation of the thought of the year. To level a charge of sameness against it because certain features appear year by year is surely unfair. True that effects of wave and sky and sunset-lighted sea are delineated time and again. True that English woodlands, Scotch mountains meet us time after time. Such pictures are merely messengers calling the country-lover from the crowded city to what is most beauteous in the country side. Scenes of cottage life when ably depicted by the novelist are not rejected on account of any lack of glamour in what they depict. These, with portraits of notable men, prominent empire moulders, beautiful women with all the stately grace of the English lady, and typical children's faces reflect what is best of the day in which we live. In depicting the spirit of the time the present Academy touches most phases of national sentiment. Statues of great statesman such as Gladstone and Lord Dufferin, of empire rulers like the striking statue of Sir Antony MacDonnell (the late Lieutenant Governor of Bengal), George Frampton, paintings of the late Earl of Northbrook, Sir William Harcourt, and Sir John French—the latter one of the best likenesses of the year—the model of the bronze statue of Mr. Lecky for Trinity College, Dublin, the busts of the Maharaja of Mysore, Lord James of Hereford with many others provide a fairly representative gathering so far as shades of thought and differences of incident go. In being the centenary of Trafalgar, more than one picture calls to mind that victory: in the water-colour room Mr. Harold Wyllie's picture of the lower deck of the "Victory" with the crews at the guns is well done. A brighter blaze of colour is Mr. Bernard Gribble's "On the Road to Trafalgar," or almost Turner-like in its colouring is Mr. W. L. Wyllie's Trafalgar (No. 459).

Other incidents in history are depicted—the 17th Lancers among the guns at Balaclava,—Macpherson's Brigade assaulting Pir Paimal, at Kandahar. These and pictures like them are but our national heritage, just as Mr. Burgess's picture of "The Reef" (No. 579) is but a reminder of the "price of Admiralty" which we pay for our dominion. Our literature too speaks to us again, the artist assisting the imagination of the reader. Thus Mr. G. W. Jay's "Dream of Fair Women," Miss Hammond's "Illustration to Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress" (done in the 17th century costumes), Mr. Watery's "Lady of Shalot," Mr. Frank Craig's picture (No. 669) illustrating that quatrain of Omar Khayyam entitled "Alas, that spring should vanish with the rose." Mr. Mouat Loudon's "The Sundial" with its motto. "I mark only sunny hours," calls to mind Hazlitt's essay on the sundial, and the blessedness of our memories in reviewing the brighter of the past years, we cannot recall. In view of the religious revival, which Goetze's picture of last year may be said to have heralded by its startling treatment, some interest attaches to the picture by the Empress Frederick of the Great Samaritan. The colour effects are not startling, but the figures are well done. Sir L. Alma Tadema's "Finding of Moses," vivid though its colour is, is not wholly pleasing. The face of Pharaoh's daughter is not that of a compassionate woman, unless it be, that in some subtle process of mental self-analysis, she is considering from the point of view of her courtly environment, the step she has taken. Mr. Sigismund Goetze's picture of the Crucifixion (which is hung directly over that just mentioned) is to be preferred to last year's picture. The face of the central figure, has a dignity lacking in that of the striking—one had almost said contemptible— figure which arrested every passer-by. There is, however, the same satiric expression of contempt upon the faces, the soldiery that Goetze depicted upon the faces of the passers-by last year. Apart from this, the picture is more conventional in its treatment. The actual moment represented is that of the end of the tragedy, the title—"He emptied Himself of his Glory," being appropriately explanatory. Two other religious pictures lend themselves to direct contrast on account of their treatment. "Easter Morn" by Mr. Herbert A. Oliver loses in its dignity by being too crowded with figures. "The Manna of Temptation" by Mr. Herbert Schmalz has only one figure in it, while the light and shade effects of the crag and the plain beneath, give an impression of height and solitude not often obtained in such paintings.

In lighter vein is Sir Edward Poynter's "Cup of Tantalus," while the picture by Francis Barraud "A la Sante de Madame la marquise" with its strangely drawn and frightened face shows grimly the horrors of the rising against the old regime in France in 1793. The various royal pictures include one of H.M. the King painted for Belmont by Mr. Arnesby Brown, which is well done. For more striking in one sense is H. M. the Queen by Mr. Luke Fildes, which is probably the best thing that this celebrated painter has done. A picture of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales in his robes as Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, painted for the Benchers of the Society is not at all good. A picture of the Kaiser in the uniform of a British Field Marshal is also disappointing. Mr J. S. Sargent's picture of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, and their two children is more suggestive of Vandyke than anything the writer has seen for several years. Above all there are as always many pictures of bright happy children, and it was with a feeling of pleasure at these, that the visitor came away; resolved to go two or three times more before August.

THE BANQUET.

The Academy banquet, which takes place on the Saturday, before the galleries are open to the public is to other banquets what the Academy Club is to other clubs. I have heard, men say that they would rather be elected a member of the latter one under Rule III than be decorated, and we all know how highly an invitation to the annual banquet at Burlington House is valued. The guests this year included, I believe for the first time, Mr. F. Carruthers Gould a graceful compliment, which has given much pleasure to his many admirers. Sir Antony MacDonnell found time to come over from Dublin to accept the hospitality of Sir Edward Poynter and his colleagues, while another new face was that of Sir Walter Lawrence, who, I suppose, was there by virtue of the important position, he will occupy on the staff of the Prince of Wales, when his Royal Highness goes to India. Sir Ian Hamilton just back from the Russo-Japanese war, and Sir Frank Younghusband were also amongst the notabilities present. The other day, the "Saturday Review" took Mr. Balfour severely to task for forgetting the dinner given to the veteran journalist Mr Frederick Greenwood; I wonder what it will say to-day when, in the singular fact that not only was the Prime Minister absent from the Academy dinner, but not a single member of the Cabinet put in an appearance. In the time-honoured toast of His Majesty's Ministers was therefore omitted, though I should have thought that if Lord Bath, one of the two subordinate Ministers present, did not care to reply at a moment's notice, the Solicitor-General (Sir Edward Carson) would have been equal to the occasion. After all Ministers are but mortal, and week-end parties are no doubt very seductive. The Prince of Wales, showing the example of his Majesty, whose he was Heir Apparent is a regular attendant, and he had the pleasure of hearing from the lips of the President the suggestion his Royal Highness made on a previous occasion and had adopted—namely the admission of colonial students to the Academy Schools without passing the preliminary examination. In the purposing the health of the Royal Family Sir E. Poynter said of the Prince and Princess of Wales:—"Their Royal Highnesses are about to embark on another journey like that of four years ago, which did so much to bring about the consolidation of our widespread Commonwealth, and will visit that great Empire of Ind which stands as a symbol of barbaric gorgeousness. His Royal Highness is interested in everything concerning the progress of our dependencies, and the condition of the arts of India will doubtless come under his observation. It is a difficult question how far native genius and intuitive gift for a most original and attractive and decorative art may be developed, while it is preserved from the contamination of the prolific vulgarity of western commercial products. It may be a task beyond the power of man. But such words of encouragement in the direction as his Royal Highness knows so well how to give would surely produce some effect and would earn the gratitude of all India." The Prince in the course of his reply observed:—"Naturally the Princess and I are looking forward with keen interest to our visit to India next winter. We shall have ample opportunities of realizing the wonderful works of art created by India in the past and among them the well-known grand memorials of her architecture. While in that country I hope to have the pleasure of laying the foundation-stone of the Queen Victoria Memorial-hall at Calcutta, and I shall be proud to be associated with one of the first great architectural work, which India under the British Crown has inaugurated. I believe it is hoped that some day the galleries of this vast building may contain historical pictures by British artists I trust, therefore, that this memorial to our late loved Sovereign may be a further means of more closely knitting together the mother country, and the great continent of India in the happy, out powerful, bonds of art." The Duke of Connaught also spoke with his usual effectiveness, but the speaking as a whole was very dull for, an Academy dinner, and even the bishop of Ripon, who replied for the guest and proposed the President did not seem to be up to his usual form. Is the art of postprandial oratory also dying out in this country. It is singular how few really witty after dinner speakers are left to us. Lord Rosebery is one of them, but he is unequal. It appears that Lord Stanley, the Postmaster General was to have responded to the toast of "His Majesty's Ministers" if he had not been prevented by what cause is not stated from attending the banquet. He is, I believe, regarded by members of both sides in Parliament as a fine prince of good fellows, but the fact that he is a Cabinet Minister and that he should have been entrusted with the duty of replying for Government at the Academy banquet is very significant. There have been men of inferior calibre in every Cabinet, but there surely never was a Prime Minister, who was a match to Mr. Balfour in surrounding himself with mediocrities.

OLLA PODRIDA.

I have mentioned above that the Gaekwar of Baroda arrived in London on Sunday night. His Highness went to the Grosvenor Hotel, where on Tuesday, he was joined by the Maharani, who, with Mrs. Eliot, wife of a former well-known official in the Baroda State, remained behind in Paris, a little longer. The party went to Eastbourne on Wednesday for a few days.

The new Master of Peterhouse—the poet Gray's College—keeps up the reputation of that venerable institution for hospitality. The other day, the College hall was crowded with distinguished academic folk on the occasion of a luncheon given in honour of the Bishop of Ely as Visitor of the College. The Vice Chancellor, the heads of houses and other resident members of the University were present while visitors from a distance included the new President of the Divorce and Probate Court, Sir Gorell Barnes, and Mr. Herbert Birdwood, C. S. I., both of whom are Honorary Fellows of Peterhouse.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF A HINDU SABHA.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MAY 19.

The second anniversary of the Sanatan Hindu Dharm Pravardhini Sabha, Prayag, was celebrated with great eclat under the presidency of Mahamahopathy Pandit Rammisra Shastri of Benares and Pandit Lakshmi Prajannaji, Etawah, from 14th to 19th May, at the magnificent temple of Munshi Ramprasad. A pandal was artistically designed and tastefully decorated by Pandit Jagannath Sharma Rajbaidya, the proprietor of the "Prayag Samachar." It had accommodation for about 5,000 people and was fully packed. Most stirring and impressive addresses were delivered by renowned speakers like Pandits Dindayal Sharma Oyakhya Vachaspati, Hon'ble Madanmohan Malviya Radhavaprasad Misra, Editor "Sudarshan" Nandkishore Laksminarayan of Central Provinces and Swami Ram Tirthji.

On an appeal on behalf of the Sabha and its Sanskrit Pathshala above Rs. 5,000 were subscribed on the spot and a list is yet open. It is hoped a very decent sum will be forthcoming. Rai Mahavirprasad Narayan Singh Bahadar of Barson, General President, and Chaturvedi Diwarkaprasad, Secretary, blessed the King-Emperor and the British Government for the religious liberty enjoyed by all Hindus. The delegates and others were thanked by the Secretary and Vice-President and the meeting closed.

A RAILWAY OFFICIAL OFFERED A BRIBE.

Before the Chief Presidency Magistrate, yesterday, Mr. W. Lewis, Senior Ticket Inspector of the G. I. P. Railway, charged T. D Swamy and P. R. Naidu with offering him a bribe and with aiding and abetting each other in the commission of the offence. Mr Yorke Smith of Messrs. Little and Co., solicitors prosecuted; while Messrs. P. L. Samant and D. V. Gupte, pleaders, defended the accused.

It appeared that the first accused Swamy was a passenger by a down train which left Victoria Terminus on the night of the 20th February last, and had a ticket for Nasik. On arriving at Kalyan there was a slight shaking of the train owing to the shunting of the front brake van and a road van. An inquiry was made as to whether anybody had been injured. Swamy and another individual then complained of slight injuries, and when Swamy was examined by the Chief Constable of the Railway Police at Kalyan it was ascertained that the injury if any, which he had sustained was very slight. He did not ask to see any doctor and proceeded in train to his destination. Anticipating that Swamy would prefer some claim against the Company for compensation, Mr. Lewis, a part of whose duties was also to investigate such claims for compensation, called upon Swamy on the 8th April last, but he made no claim whatever on the occasion. On the 17th April and 3rd May, letters were sent to the Company on behalf of Swamy claiming a sum of Rs 3,000 as compensation for the injury alleged to have been sustained by him at Kalyan on the 23rd February. On the 9th May Swamy and the second accused Naidu went to Mr. Lewis's bungalow at Dadar and asked him to give assistance to Swamy in his claim by reporting in his favour and by abstaining from getting evidence against him. The two accused, in the course of their conversation, offered Mr. Lewis Rs. 500 as a reward for services he should render to Swamy the amount was calculated at the rate of ten per cent on the sum claimed. Mr. Lewis put them off asked them to call again on the morning of the 11th instant. Mr. Lewis consulted Mr Minaham, European Chief Constable at the Victoria Terminus and a plan was made for detecting the offence. The two accused were asked to meet Mr. Lewis on the evening of the 11th instant at the Chinchpogly station in order to discuss the matter further. They promised to do so, but said at the same time that they would only give half the amount at present, and the balance on settlement of the claim by the railway Company. At 5 o'clock in the evening the accused arrived at the Chinchpogly station, got down from which was an agatore, the station screen, and screen being constructed of wooden venetians, between which were spaces for ventilation. As this blue light were discovered behind the venetians, Mr. Minahan a native detective officer, named Abdul Rehman and Mr. V. F. Barker, Superintendent, Police Works Department, Secretariat. They could hear distinctly the passed between Mr. Lewis and the accused. In that conversation both the accused repeated the offer to give Mr. Lewis ten per cent. on the amount awarded by the Company to Swamy for compensation. They then said that the amount had been too short for them to have arranged to bring the money and that they had brought a promissory note instead. Swamy handed to Naidu a document, being a promissory note for Rs. 2,000 payable to Mr. Lewis on demand signed by Swamy. It was wrongly dated 12th May instead of 11th May. Naidu handed the document to Mr Lewis. The latter then inquired how the balance was to be paid and they said they would give him a separate paper for the balance. They asked him for a piece of paper. This he gave. Swamy then wrote out a note at hand for the balance. The conversation was signed by both the accused. The conversation then ended and the witnesses, who were behind the screen, came out. On being questioned the two accused said they had received money from Mr. Lewis in exchange for the first note; but when asked whether they had also received money in exchange for the second note they said nothing. Mr. Lewis denied that any money had been given by him to either of the accused.

The evidence of Mr. Lewis having been recorded, the first accused stated that on the 11th instant Mr. Lewis met him about 5-30 p.m., at a tea shop, and told him that his complaint had been settled, he then went away. Subsequently they went to a liquor shop at Dhobi Talao where they had a pint of whisky. Mr Lewis asked the accused to give him it in writing, and the accused wrote at his dictation and gave him the writing. Afterwards the two accused and Mr. Lewis went to the Chinchpogly station and there Mr. Lewis asked what the accused wanted to be about the balance of Rs. 250. Swamy told him that he could not write as he was under the influence of liquor. Mr. Lewis asked him to write as his dictation and the accused did so. The police and others who were standing behind, came, and the accused told them that they had written both the papers at Mr. Lewis's dictation. The police said this was a very serious case against him. Mr. Minahan said that Mr. Lewis was the person to get in the case and he should, and could, settle it out of hands. Mr Minahan said: "Pay me Rs. 2,000 and I will let you go." The accused said he could not pay such a sum. Mr. Minahan then said that if he had not so much money he might give Rs. 500 at least. He also told him to pay Rs. 50 to each of the police officers who had accompanied him. He added that if he did not pay, he would detain him in the cowkey. The accused expressed his inability to do so.

The second accused made a similar statement.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned.

INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

MINERAL CONCESSIONS GRANTED IN INDIA.

In the House of Commons, on Thursday, May 4, Mr. Samuel Smith asked the secretary of State for India: Whether he would give a return of mineral concessions granted in India since 1890, showing the position and extent of the areas and the names of the parties to whom the concessions have been granted; and whether he will state the general nature of the terms.

Mr. Brodrick: I will ask the Government of India whether the return for which the hon. member asks, can be compiled without involving much time and labour, and will acquaint the hon. member with the result. Some, though not all of the information is given in the Government of India's annual return of mineral production. A general statement of the terms of mining concessions in India is shown in the Indian Mining Rules, of which I shall be happy to send the hon. member a copy.

STAFF COLLEGE AT QUETTA.

Mr. Schwann asked the Secretary of State for India: If he will state if it has been finally decided to establish a Staff college at Quetta; if so, can a copy of the regulations for such institution be presented for comparison with those of the Staff college here; whether it is intended to erect buildings for that purpose begin; by what date are those permanent structures likely to be completed; what is the estimate of total cost; has formal transfer of the site been effected; what specific sanction for the occupation been obtained from his Highness the Khan of Kheiat, or other local chief; and what were the alleged or real causes of the disturbances at Kheiat last year; whether the Khan and the commanders of his Highness's troops.

Mr. Brodrick: The establishment of a Staff College at Quetta was sanctioned in August last. The regulations are under consideration, but Indian Army Order No. 182, dated March 21, 1905 which I shall be happy to lay on the table, if the hon. member will move for it, gives provisional regulations regarding admission, curriculum, etc. In camera, stone where the buildings will be commenced or completed, but temporary arrangements are being made at Deolali in Bombay Presidency. The extra expenditure involved in the scheme is estimated at 3,440 rupees, and 98,000 rupees recurring annually. As regards the site, the Quetta District, by an Agreement with the Khan of Kheiat, is under the administration of the British Government, and the full report of the disturbances at Kheiat by the Khan's troops has been received. The information I have received attributes them to a dispute with certain sepoys desiring to be discharged.

NOTICES OF MOTION, &c.

EAST INDIA (FINANCIAL STATEMENT.)

Sir Henry Fowler:—Address for copy of the Indian Financial Statement for 1904-1905, and of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Governor-General thereon.

EAST INDIA (RAILWAYS AND IRRIGATION W

...ssed by Cossacks with the knout. In Lodz [illegible] and four persons were killed and several wounded. A crowd in Moscow attempted to destroy a restaurant in which a police official had taken refuge. Troops were called in to clear the streets, some of the people were injured. Conflicts have also taken place at Grodno, where a strike is in progress.

REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAMME.

FATHER GAPON'S POLICY APPROVED.

The following has been communicated by a prominent revolutionary leader :—On the initiation of Father Gapon, a conference was recently held of all the more important revolutionary organisations of the Russian Empire, representatives of the following parties being present :—The Russian Party of Socialist Revolutionists, the Polish Socialist Party, the Finnish Party of Active Resistance, the Ruthenian Socialist Group, the Lettish Socialist Union of Workmen, the Georgian Federalist-Revolutionists, and the Armenian Revolutionary Federation. The conference decided to establish a central bureau (Le Secretariat des Parties Socialistes et Revolutionnes de l' Empire Russe) to co-ordinate the action of the parties and to serve as a central institution for the collection of funds for the support of the movement. The following resolutions were accepted and signed by all present, Father Gapon included :—A complete transformation of the present Russian Empire into a democratic republic, based upon universal, direct, secret, and equal suffrage. The means to bring about this end are the following :—The convocation, after having assured to the people liberty of speech, of meeting, of the Press, with perfect personal security and the liberation of all suffering for their political or religious convictions, of a Constituent Assembly, composed of representatives of all parts of the Russian Empire, except Poland and Finland. The signatory parties consider that each holding to its entire programme without ceasing the struggle for all these points for a moment can, and ought to act in accord at difficult or propitious moments which demand a general pressure upon the common enemy, in the name of and within the limits of these objects, which are common to all the parties concerned.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

THE ENTENTE CORDIALE.

Commenting on King Edward's visit to France, the "Temps" writes as follows :—Edward VII, while here will have more than one opportunity of conversing with the official representatives of France. The policy of entente, of which he was the first to conceive the possibility and towards the making of which he was the first to take the initiative—a legitimate policy and a fruitful one, since it takes into equal account the interests of the two peoples—has found its justification in the now unanimous adhesion of English and French opinion and also in the development of events. England was glad of our useful intervention in the Hull affair, and of the assistance which we gave to Russia and herself for the settlement of a painful incident. In our turn and without any arriere pensee of a disquieting nature for anybody, we are pleased to find British diplomacy in complete agreement with our own in the peaceful action we are pursuing in Morocco. There are so many reasons why the King of England should have in Paris a reception of which the warm cordiality will be addressed at once to his person and to his country.

Writing in the "Journal des Debats" M. Alcide Ebray says :—Although this time he is travelling incognito and his presence in our midst is not attended with the pomp and festivities which marked his first visit, Edward VII, will, nevertheless, retain the impression that our sentiments have not changed towards himself and his country, nor yet towards that policy which found its expression in the Anglo-French "entente." As to the general significance of the French visit of the King, it is emphasised by the two events which preceded it. We mean by his meeting with the President of the Republic when he passed through Paris on his way to Marseilles and the journey which he has just made. By the reception given him in Marseilles, Algeria and Corsica he will have realised that the Anglo-French entente, far from being a product of diplomacy, has a national basis. As the "Times" says, that entente can inspire nobody with distrust nor yet exclude other adhesions. Yet the essentially peaceful character of the "entente cordiale" cannot prevent, should occasion arise, the diplomacy of the two countries from lending each other mutual support. This is evidenced by the despatch to Fez of a British mission, of which it may confidently be stated that its business will certainly not be to thwart that of M. Saint-Rene Taillandier.

At a large farewell luncheon given by English, French, and American journalists to Mr. Warden of the "Standard," on the occasion of his leaving Paris, a distinguished French journalist, Dr. Joseph Reviere excited great enthusiasm by referring to the King as "Le Roi Pacificateur."

The "Echair" speaking of King Edward's arrival in Paris, says :—Nothing in this visit could be of indifference to us. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the role played by the Sovereign, who does not owe his prestige only to the title he has inherited or to his authority to the crown which he wears with such good results for his country. Son of a mother who was not prevented by constitutional obstacles from governing for 60 years, he has himself taken an exceptional place in the world of politics. He merits it by an activity as efficacious as it is modest, by continual services and substantial successes.

Although attempts are made in Berlin to minimise the significance of King Edward's meeting with President Loubet, there is a universal recognition of the fact, says the correspondent of the "Times," that the King's visit, as well as the circumstances of his recent sojourn in Algiers constitutes a fresh proof of the cordiality of the entente between Great Britain and France and of its bearings upon practical questions of foreign politics. The reception of M. Delcasse by the King forms the subject of special comment. When his Majesty recently passed through Paris on his southward journey the "well-informed" German Press hastened to draw purely imaginary inferences from the circumstance that the French Foreign Minister did not accompany the President of the republic when he met the King. On the present occasion endeavours are made to deprive the Royal visit of all political importance by emphasising the absence of Lord Lansdowne. The German semi-officials forget that it is not customary for the British Foreign Secretary to be in attendance upon the Sovereign abroad, and that he has never accompanied the King on any of his Majesty's visits to Germany.

The general trend of Russian opinion, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the same paper, is unlikely to re-echo the satisfaction of the majority of the French newspapers over King Edward's visit to Paris, but it is realised here that a serious note is struck by responsible organs like the "Temps" and the "Debats" when they declare that a beneficent influence is bound to be wrought by the Anglo-French understanding upon the future of Anglo-Russian relations. The possibility of an agreement between Great Britain and Russia is not generally admitted, nor is it likely to be admitted for some time, but a first step in that direction has been made by the unanimous condemnation of a policy of adventure in the Far East.

MADRAS PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE.

A BELLARY correspondent writing on 17th May says :—The Hon'ble Mr. L. A. Govindaraghava Iyer arrived this morning and was accorded an enthusiastic reception. The Conference opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The Hon'ble Mr. L. A. Govindaraghava Iyer, in the course of his Presidential address, said :—

The question of the expansion of the Madras Legislative Council is one that has been long before the public and forms the subject of one of the Resolutions to be adopted in this Conference. My only excuse for referring to it here is that I wish to draw attention to the proposals regarding it of our esteemed countrymen Dewan Bahadur K. Krishnaswami Row, who at a period of life when others will be disposed to spend their time in ease and retirement, is willing to give his countrymen the benefit of his varied experience and sound judgment and to place at their disposal his invaluable services. His proposals are that the number of electoral units outside the city of Madras be increased to seven, each unit being composed of two or more districts conveniently situated and having common interests; that members of the District Boards and Municipalities be allowed to vote together for the same representative and directly instead of through voting delegates and that the term of membership be extended to five years. He has supported his proposals by reasons which he has given in a paper read before the Mahajana Sabah. While on this subject, I feel myself compelled to give expression to my humble opinion that to treat the non-official members of the Council nominated on the recommendation of the District Boards and Municipalities and other Corporate bodies as if they are politioners suing for redress, who must consider their functions as an end after being allowed to make as full and adequate representation of their views as they require, is not calculated to increase that sense of responsibility for their utterances and that sense of solidarity which a body entrusted with the responsible task of legislating for the weal or woe of a large section of his Majesty's Indian subjects which all interested in the growth and efficiency of the Legislative Council will like to see developed."

INDIAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY

In conclusion the President spoke of Indian political activity and said :—We have often to criticise public measures. It may perhaps be that, being of the people, we possess a deeper insight than our governors into the condition of the people and a more instinctive sympathy with their needs and aspirations. But governors have the advantage over us, in the training that they have had for administrative work, in the facilities that they possess for collecting and collating information, and in the care and attention that if they please, they can bestow upon their work. The work of administration is the main duty with which they are entrusted. Unless therefore, we suitably equip ourselves for our work, we can never hope that the suggestions we offer and the criticism we make will receive that attention and respect which we naturally wish they should command. What we have to deplore is the lack of continuity of work, the absence of sustained interest in political activity. More than ever it is necessary now, that we should have Associations in every District affiliated to a central institution at Madras. There is most useful work that such Associations can do. They may ascertain the economic condition of Government to improve it further, the spread of the people second the efforts of the education, act as the responsible exponents of public opinion and popularise constitutional methods of political action. The Government of Lord Curzon has accentuated the necessity for concerted action and for sustained political activity. Works by fits and starts however good in itself, can never secure solid and enduring results. If we realise our responsibilities as citizens of the British Empire, and rise equal to them, even the Gods above will shed their beneficent influences on us and we shall be enabled to claim equality with the most favored nations of the world.

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THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

WAR OFFICE, MAY 2.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Southerland Highlanders)—Major-Gen. and Honorary Lieutenant-Gen J Sprot to be colonel, vice Major-Gen and Honorary Lieut.-Gen Sir F W Traill Burroughs, K C B, deceased.

1st (King's) Dragoon Guards—Capt H J William[illegible] to be adjutant, vice Lieut D M Gray, resigned. Lieut L S Denny to be captain, vice H J Williams. The undermentioned second lieutenants to be lieutenants : G R H Cheape vice D A Rasbotham, promoted ; D G Brown, vice L S Denny.

5th (Royal Irish) Lancers The undermentioned lieutenants to be captains : The Hon A M R Bingham, vice E E West, retired ; O K Chance, vice the Hon A M R Bingham, seconded for service on the Staff.

8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars Capt C M Threlfall resigns his commission.

19th (Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own) Hussars Lieut J W Lewis resigns his commission.

Royal Regiment of Artillery,

Supernumerary Capt (District Officer) T H E Anderson to be captain (district officer), on augmentation.

Royal Horse and Royal Field Art.—The undermentioned majors to be lieutenant-colonels:—D G Primsep, vice Brevet Col J W Stirling, retired; Brevet Col A H Gordon, vice Brevet Col R A G Harrison, C M G, placed on half-pay ; Brevet Lieut Col P J R Crampton, vice Brevet Col A H Gordon removed on continuance in his appointment on the staff.

The date of restoration to the Establishment of Lieut Col C M T Western is antedated to Oct 21 1903 vice Brevet Col J W Hawkins, placed on half-pay ; Major S W W Blacker retires on retired pay; Supernumery Capt N McN Gray to be captain vice C St M Ingham. The undermentioned lieutenants to be to be captains :—H de C martelli vice C L C Hamilton, appointed adjutant ; J Mellor, vice Brevet Major M R F Courage, resigned ; Lieut H Davies-Evans resigns his commission; Lieut H E O'B Trail is seconded for service in the Remount Dept ; Capt C St M Ingham to be adjutant, vice Capt N McN Gray, whose tenure of that appointment has expired.

Royal Garrison Artillery.—Brevet Col J T Johnston, from the Staff, to be lieut-colonel, vice Brevet Col A Keane, D S O, placed on half-pay. The undermentioned supernumerary captains to be captains : G Howorth, vice D Clapham, seconded. W E Wales, vice F L Bennet, appointed to the Hong-Kong-Singapore Battalion R A. Craig, vice E H Collen D S O, seconded A N Campbell, vice D G Proby n retired. Supernumerary Lieut O H Mortimer to be lieutenant vice C A Gent appointed to the West India battalion. Second Lieut C V S Skrimshire to be lieutenant vice J G Courdice seconded.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

General R N Dawbson-Scott to be colonel commandant, vice General J Bayly C B deceased. The undermentioned majors to be lieutenant colonels: W Russell vice Brevet Col S A E Hickson D S O placed on half-pay Brevet Col A E Sandbach D S O vice Brevet Col G C P Onslow placed on half pay R F Allen D S O vice Brevet Col W F R Stafford C B placed on half-pay. The undermentioned captains to be majors C H D Ryder vice W Russell, R H H Boys D S O vice Brevet Col A E Sandbach D S O J s Wilson vice R F Allen D S o second Lieut C E F Wynooll to be lieutenant vice C N Noeth promoted

Coast Battalion.

Lieut J Ruse to be captain,

Coldstream Guards.

Capt R Longueville to be major, vice J McNeile, retired,

Line Battalions.

The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt) Second Lieut T O Fitzgerald to be lieutenant, vice C W Grove, promoted,

The Royal Fusilier (City of London Regt) Second Lieut S Gubbins to be lieutenant, vice B G A Townshend, seconded.

The Norfolk Regt Capt and Brevet Major C R Ballard is seconded for service on the Staff Lieut John C Atkinson to be captain vice C R Ballard.

The Prince Albert's (Somersesshire Light Inf) Sergt-Major D J Owens to be quarter-master with the honorary rank of lieutenant, vice Honorary Capt H Powis, placed on retired pay.

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers Capt G E Rickman on retired pay.

The South Wales Borderers Lieut W R T Clement resigns his commission.

The East Lancashire Regt Second Lieut C G Hornby to be lieutenant, vice G T Seabroke, promoted.

The Duke of Cornwall's Light Inf Capt E A Shakerley to be major, vice G W T Prowse, retired Lieut C W D Lynch to be captain, vice E A Shakerley,

The Royal Sussex Regt Capt W L Osborn is seconded for service on the Staff, Lieut R H Watkinson to be captain, vice W L Osborn, seconded. Second Lieut G H Impey to be lieutenant, vice R H Watchman.

The Hampshire Regt. The undermentioned second lieutenants to be lieutenants : F C Spring, vice N F Baxter, promoted ; C C R Black-Hawkins, vice J H Hill, resigned.

The Prince of Wales's volunteers (South Lancashire Regt.) Second Lieut R H Haseldine is seconded for service under the Colonial office.

The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regt) Lieut H V Rhodes to be captain, vice R H Keller, D S O, seconded.

Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regt) Second Lieut A H Grant, D S O, to be lieutenant vice C Pierce, promoted.

The King's (Shropshire Light Inf) Lieut P L Hanbury to be adjutant, vice Capt R R Gubbins, D S O, whose tenure of that appointment has expired. Second Lieut R A K Wilson resigns his commission.

The Duke of Cumberlnd's Own (Middlesex Regt.) —Lieutenant-Colonel Lieut. K J Roy to be lieutant, vice E St G Mivart resigned.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps—Major J K Watson, J A G, D S O retired pay, Capt E Pearce-Serocold to be major, vice J K Watson, D M G, D S O.

The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regt) —Major W G Ley, to be lieutenant-colonel, vice Brevet Col H S B Hodgkinson, retired, Capt C W rofton to be major vice W G Ley, Lieut J Carnegy is placed on temporary half-pay on account of illhealth.

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders—Capt and Brevet Major J A Burdon C M G, resigns his commission.

The Royal Garrison Regt.—Major F M Aitken to be lieutenant-colonel, vice Brevet Col F J Evelegh, retired,

THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

The undermentioned majors to be lieutenant-colonels—G E Hamnett, vice Brevet Col F W B London, C B placed on half-pay, R H L Warner, vice Brevet Col C E Wancoll on retired pay P E F Hobbs, C M G, vice Brevet Col C A Edes, retired on retired pay. The undermentioned captains and brevet majors to be majors : Vawdray vice G E Hamnett, W M H Arm strong vice R H L Warner : A R C Atkins, vice P E F Hobbs, C M G, The under undermentioned second lieutenants to be lieutenants, to complete establishment : P V Le G Faile, J H Morris, T S Cotgrave, H de M Rose, D Lamead, R M Campbell, C F Milsom N C Hamilton, G L Peterson, C W Edwards, A G G de Smidt, J E MacGwire, The undermentioned officers are transferred as second lieutenants:—Second Lieut (now Lieut) G P L Myers from the Duke of Cornwall's Light Inf, Second Lieut (now Lieut) P C Goldney, from the Gloucestershire Regt Second Lieut A E Holbrook, from the Hampshire Regt; Second Lieut J H B Pepcon, from the Royal Warwickshire Regt. The undermentioned second lieutenants to be lieutenants under the provision of Article, 31 Royal Warrant, for Pay and promotion, Oct 20, 1900:—G P L Myers P C Goldnew, A E Heibrook, J H B Peyton, C O Hay.

Army Medical Staff,

Surg-Gen Sir E Townsend, M D, K C D, C M G is placed on retired pay. Col R H Quill, M B, from the Royal Army Medical Corps, to be surgeon-general, vice Sir E Townsend, M D, K C B, C M G.

Royal Army Medical Corps,

Lieut-Col O E P Lloyd V C, to be colonel, vice R H Quynall M B promoted, Capt O Challis resigns his commission

Staff,

Lieut-Col and Brevet Col J M S Brunker, from half-pay, to be an assistant adjutant-general at Headquarters, and to be granted the honorary rank of colonel in the Army, vice Col R Bannatine-Allason, C B who has vacated that appointment; Capt and Brevet Major H N St J Maule R A to be a Staff Captain for Royal Artillery, vice Brevet Major W N Madocks R A, who has vacated that appointment. The date of appointment of Brevet Major C A Ballard, the Norfolk Regt as a deputy-assistant quarter-master general in March, 29 1905, and not as notified in the Gazette of April 21 1905

Schools of Submarine Mining

Capt St O G R S Caulfeild R E to be a chief instructor vice Capt E H Haig R E who has vacated that appointment.

Army Chaplains' Department

Rev W B Dowding, chaplain to the forces, second class to be chaplain to the forces, first class. Rev W G Howard M A chaplain to the forces fourth class to chaplain to the forces third class ; Rev P Bradley to be chaplain to the forces fourth class dated June 7 1900 but not to reckon for pay promotion or precedence prior to April 8, 1904, and not to carry back allowances.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

The undermentioned Staff nurses to be sisters :—Miss A R F Auchmuty, Miss S K Bills, Miss B N Daker, Miss G Knowles, Miss O Mackay, Miss W G Massey, Miss B Bennie, Miss M Worthington. The undermentioned Staff nurses are confirmed in their appointments, their periods of provisional service expired : Miss G M Allen, Miss K M Bulman, Miss E Foster, Miss M E M Grierson, Miss A M Orchard.

Army Ordnance Department.

Inspector of Ordnance Machinery, Second Class, and Honorary Capt W B Sudds to be an inspector of ordnance machinery, first class under the provisions of Article 404, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, Oct 20, 1900.

Army Veterinary Department.

Lieut-Col J A Nunn, F R O V S, C I E, D S O, to be colonel.

Brevet.

The undermentioned lieutenant-colonels :—W L White, a deputy-assistant adjutant-general at Headquarters ; L E Kiggell, a deputy assistant adjutant-general Staff College ; J E Watson, the Manchester Regt.

Memoranda

Col A E W Colville, C B, on vacating his appointment on the Staff is placed on half-pay. Major and Brevet Col A H Gordon, from Royal Field Art, is continued in his appointment as an assistant director of Headquarters, on promotion to the regimental rank of lieutenant-colonel. Major W M Watson, the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regt), is granted the local rank of lieutenant-colonel while employed as commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. Second Lieut R H Haseldine, the Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regt), is granted the local rank of lieutenant while employed with the West African Frontier Forces. Captain and Honorary Lieut E T Conn, M B, is granted the honorary rank of captain.

Reserve of Officers.

Lieut (Capt of Volunteers) W F Dick resigns his commission.

Admiralty, 23d May,

The undermentioned Sub-Lieutenants has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in his Majesty's Fleet, viz :—Robert Harman Llewely ; David de Beauvoir Stocks, Charles Bertram Lind, Francis Herbert Beaventingham Goodhart.

The undermentioned Acting Sub-Lieutenants have been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in his Majesty's Fleet, viz :—Ernest Cyril Brent, Edward Travers Fletcher, Charles Worthington Craven, The Honourable Guy Stopford James Harry Kay Clegg Cyril John Lauzham Noakes, Murice Perey Barkeley Portcman, Robert Wise Richardson, Evelyn Harry Byrd Levett Scrivenor, James Robarton Harvey, William Ridgersfield Philmore, Lionel Arthur Dyveton Sturdee Elward Benedict Arathoon, Clement Gordon Wakefield Best, Alan Franci Steel Grant, Archibald Douglas Cochrane, Jack Arthur Atwood Morris.

Royal Marine Artillery.

Captain and Brevet-Major George Edward Barnes to be Supernumerary on the Establishment on return from the Seconde l List.

Royal Marines.

Honorary Captain Robert William Diggon, Royal Marine Light Infantry (retired) to be Recruiting Staff Officer London District, and Assistant to the Inspector of Marine Recruiting, vice Major Charles George Matson, Royal Marine Light Infantry (retired), vacated on appointment on own request.

Clerk Frederic Edward Cox has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Paymaster in his Majesty's Fleet.

Royal Nazal Reserve.

Acting Sub Lieutenant Charles Bertram Ward has been confirmed as Sub-Lieutenant, Assistant Engineer William Edward Forster to be En ineer.

Engineer Lieutenant William Smeston Frowd has this day been promoted to the rank of Engineer Commander in His Majesty's Fleet.

War Office Pall Mall, 5th May.

Royal Horse Guards, Gentleman Cadet Charles Henry Alexander, Marquis of Anglesey, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant Charles S. H., Viscount Castlereagh, M. V. O., promoted.

8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars, Major Claud H Campbell retires on retired pay, Captain Herbert T McClellan, from the 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards, to be Major, vice C H Campbell.

9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers, Second Lieutenant F O Grenfell from the King's Royal Rifle Corps, to be Lieutenant, to complete establishment.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Superintending Clerk John Redgate to be Lieutenant (District Officer), on augmentation.

Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery. Supernumerary Captain George R M Mathew-Lannowe to be Captain, vice D W L Spiller, Captain Duncan W L Spiller to be Adjutant, vice Captain G R M Mathew-Lannowe, whose tenure of that appointment has expired. Royal Garrison Artillery, Lieutenant Arthur J de Carrara-Rivers to be Adjutant, vice Captain G F C Finch, whose tenure of that appointment has expired.

First Class Master Gunner Thomas Reilly to be Quartermaster with the honorary rank of Lieutenant vice Honorary Lieutenant F Rowland, seconded.

Corps of Royal Engineer.

General Sir Charles Warren, G C M G, K C B to be Colonel Commandant, vice Lieutenant-General A C Cooke, C B, deceased.

Coldstream Guards.

Lieutenant Colin LindsayGordon, from 3rd Battalion, The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment), to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant G A O Lane, promoted.

Gentleman Cadet Francis Wilfrid Gore-Langton, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant the Honourable C H S Monck, promoted.

Line Battalions.

The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Captain Neville T Borton retires on retired pay.

Lieutenant William F W Elkington to be Captain vice C Bonham-Carter, seconded.

Supernumerary Lieutenant George E G Philipps to be Lieutenant, vice W E W Elkington.

The Bedfordshire Regiment, Lieutenant Robert James McCloughlin, from 3rd Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers, to be Second Lieutenant in succession to Lieutenant D S Orchard, transferred to the Indian Army.

The Royal Irish Regiment Supernumerary Second Lieutenant E C Gardiner to be Second Lieutenant, vice R M F Patrick, promoted.

The Lancashire Fusiliers Captain Sydney F. Mel. Lomer to be Adjutant, vice E Hewlett, whose tenure of that appointment has expired.

The Cheshire Regiment, Captain William W B Glover is seconded for service under the Colonial Office.

The Army Service Corps.

Captain Basil S. A. Douglas-Hamilton is removed from the Service for absence without leave.

Gentleman Cadet Rowland Montagu Airey, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant

Royal Army Medical Corps.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors. H. C. French, F. M. Williams, and J. E. McMinn.

The undermentioned Lieutenants are confirmed in that rank, L. V. Thurston, A. W. Gater and J. P. Lynch.

Staff.

Colonel (local Brigadier-General) George M. Bullock, C. B., from a Colonel on the Staff, to be a Brigadier-General on the Staff to command the Troops in Egypt, and to retain the local rank of Brigadier General whilst so employed.

Unattached List.

Gentleman Cadet Frederick Charles Mockler, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant with a view to his appointment to the Indian Army.

Brevet.

The undermentioned Lieutenant Colonels to be Colonels :—John R H Oldfield, Royal Marine Light Infantry William E Peyton D S O 15th (The King's Hussars.

Half-Pay.

Major Herbert S McC Stanwell from The Royal Scots Fusiliers to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Memoranda.

Colonel Chandos Hoskyns, on vacating the appointment of Colonel on the Staff Commanding Royal Engineer, Cape Colony District is placed on half-pay. Colonel Chandos Hoskyns, half pay, is placed on retired pay. Lieutenant-Colonel Henry D D Shute, D S O is granted the local rank of Colonel whilst employed as Assistant Adjutant General London District. Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant John Hennessy Army Service Corps is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Reserve of Officers.

Major C A S Warde resigns his Commission. The undermentioned Captains are removed under the provisions of Article 662 Royal Warrant 28th Oct, 1903 :—Brunon, A Cetzell Dormer, T W Loughborough and Lieutenant W R Stophenson resigns his Commission.

Retired Pay.

Quartermaster and Honorary Captain J Templeton to be Honorary Major.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of traffic earnings for week ending 6th May 1906.

	Coaching Traffic.	Goods Traffic.	Sundry Receipts.	Total for the week.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Approximate earnings for week ending 6th May 1905— G I P Ry system.	2,31,611	9,25,618	3,093	11,86,255
I M R do ..	51,763	1,00,894	488	1,53,125
Total,....	2,83,394	10,26,512	3,581	13,19,380
Actuals for corresponding week ending 7th May 1904— G I P R system...	2,76,796	7,91,187	8,513	10,77,496
I M R do ..	77,260	1,58, 2	1,122	2,17,113
Total....	3,49,06	9,60 999	9,635	13,19,609
Increase or (G I P R	-42,1[illegible]	+1,36,361	— 5 417	+ 88,759
Decrease... (I M R...	— 20 486	— 67,82[illegible]	— 671	— 88,988

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THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY

LONDON, MAY 5.

HOME.

A COMMITTEE has been appointed by the President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to inquire into the administration and working of the Small Holdings Act, and to examine and report on the most suitable methods for promoting the increase of small holdings.

An earthquake shock was felt at Llangollen on Monday.

Appointments.—Mr. A. P. Inglis becomes Consul-General at Paris ; Mr. R D. G. Macdonald Consul at Bordeaux ; Mr. H. Gye, Consul at Brest. Mr. P. Rose Innes has been appointed Recorder of Sandwich, Lord Alverston succeeds the late Lord St Helier on the Royal Commission upon Ecclesiastical Discipline.

Art.—The Royal Academy opened on Monday. The anniversary banquet was held on Saturday night, when the speakers included the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught.

Cricket.—At Lord's, on Wednesday, the season was opened with a match between M. C. C. and Notts.

Ecclesiastical.—The Church Missionary Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday in Exeter-hall and a great public meeting at night in the Albert-hall. The Church Association held its annual meeting on Monday, and passed a resolution urging the importance of the fuller representation of Protestant opinion at the next general election. At the Bible Society's meeting on Wednesday, Bishop Weldon attacked the "higher" critics. The Wesleyan, the Baptist and the South American Missionary Societies the Colonial and Continental Church Society, the Church Army, and the Liberation Society, have also been celebrating their anniversaries. The Bishop of Birmingham has replied unfavourably to a petition asking him to discontinuance the abandonment of evening Communion. The Bishop of Norwich, presiding over his Diocesan Conference, said he would oppose steadfastly any proposal to alter the use of the Athanasian Creed.

Education.—The Rev. A. A. David, Dean of Queen's College, Oxford, succeeds Canon Glazebrook as headmaster of Clifton College. Mr. Brodrick, M. P., was present last Friday at the reopening of national schools in Guildford, and spoke on the importance of preserving efficiency in religious teaching. The Local Government Board has sent an order to the Poor Law guardians as to the relief of underfed school-children.

Emmigration and Immigration.—The Board of Trade statistics have been issued.

Football.—On Saturday, Newcastle United won the League championship. Under Rugby rules, Durham won the county championship.

Golf.—The annual tournament of the Professional Golfers' Association took place on Wednesday at Coventry. The Tooting Bec Cup was won by A. H. Toogood (West Essex) with 150, J. H. Taylor (Mid Surrey) being second with 151.

Ireland.—The General Synod of the Church of Ireland was opened on Tuesday.

Law.—John Conroy has been committed for extradition, charged with embezzlement in the United States of about dols, 13,000.

Lord Selborne, High Commissioner for South Africa, left Southampton on Saturday, on board the Walmer Castle, for Cape Town.

Marriages.—The Earl of Malmesbury and the Hon. Dorothy Gough-Calthorpe ; Mr. Rupert S. Gwynne and the Hon. Stella Ridley ; Capt. F. D. Farquhar, D.S.O., and Lady Evelyn Haly-Hutchinson ; Major L. Fisher-Rowe and Miss E. B. Fletcher.

Lord Wenlock opened on Monday afternoon at Cattal between York and Harrogate, an inebriates' home for Yorkshire.

Lord Windsor opened the Building Trades' Exhibition at the Agricultural-hall on April 27.

Mr. Alfred Austin unveiled on Monday a bust of Elizabeth Barrett Browning and opened an exhibition of water-colours at the Passmore Edwards Polytechnic, Camberwell.

Mr. Sidney Lee was the principal speaker at the annual Shakespeare commemoration banquet at Dudley last Friday.

Music and the Drama.—The Royal Opera season opened on Monday at Covent Garden with Rheingold.—At Drury Lane Sir Henry Irving is appearing in a revival of Becket.—At St. James's Theatre, Mr. George Alexander has produced John Chilcote, M. P.—At the New Theatre Leah Kleschna, by Mr. C. M. S. Mcfallan has been produced ; and at the Comedy there is another American play, The Dictator, by Mr. R. Harding Davis.

Naval and Military.—The destroyer Syren, during night exercises off Berehaven on Monday, ran ashore and is practically a wreck.—The master of a Leigh fishing vessel has been killed by a rifle bullet off Cheerness while a company of the Royal Garrison Artillery were practising.

Parliament.—The House of Commons reassembled on Tuesday when the Aliens Bill was read a second time. Sir C. Dilke's amendment, insisting on the principle of the asylum for victims of persecution, was rejected by 211 to 59. On Wednesday, the Budget debate was continued and the Debs resolution passed. An Irish motion condemning the Dursey Island evictions was rejected.

Small Holdings.—A committee has been appointed to suggest methods for increasing small holdings.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Royal Institution was held on Monday, the Duke of Northumberland presiding.

The Annual Meeting of the Royal Institution was held on Monday. The Duke of Northumberland was re-elected president.

The Bishop of Chichester presided on Tuesday, over the annual meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society at Lambeth Palace.

The Duke of Connaught on Tuesday opened a cookery exhibition at the Horticultural-hall, Westminster, and laid stress on the importance of good cooking to the welfare of all classes.

The Ragged School Union held its diamond jubilee festival at the Queen's-hall on Monday, Princess Louise distributed prizes.

The Turf.—At Newmarket on Wednesday the race for the two thousand Guinea Stakes was won by Mr. Fenton's Vedas.

Wills.—Mr. W. Harborn, of Kensington, has left £26,000 to religious and charitable objects, mainly in connexion with the Congregational body.—Mrs. Jane Brooksbank, of Sydenham, has left £20,000 for charitable institutions.

THE EMPIRE.

Canada.—The Governor-General visited Niagara Falls on Saturday.

Newfoundland.—Mr. Reid offers to sell to the Colony his coastal steamers and lease of the railway system for £900,000.

South Africa.—General Botha, on behalf of the executive of the Boer organization, strongly criticizes the new Transvaal Constitution, and expresses a hope that it will soon be succeeded by another.

The West India Committee have addressed to the Colonial Secretary a letter expressing a strong opinion that the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has not received equitable treatment in the matter of the West India mail contract.

THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Carnegie has given £2,000,000 to provide annuities for professors (not in sectarian institutions) in the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland.

Mr. Loomis denies categorically the charges brought against him. Mr. Bowen who has made himself responsible for the charges, has been ordered to Washington and will be expected to produce some proof.

Serious Labour Riots in connexion with a steamsters' strike have occurred in Chicago.

FOREIGN.

Crete.—A conflict occurred on Friday at Bukolies in which three gendarmes, two linesmen, and four unarmed peasants were killed. The Consuls have informed the authorities that the Cretan flag must be replaced on the public buildings, and at Canea this has been done by the International troops.

France.—The King arrived in Paris on Saturday, and went to the Hotel Bristol. On Sunday he was received by the President, who shortly afterwards paid a return visit. M. Delcasse also was received by the King. In the evening the King was entertained by the President at dinner. On Monday, the King drove to M. Edmond Blanc's stables, visited Versailles, attended the races at Saint Cloud, and was present by performance of M. Lavedan's "Le Duel" at the Theatre Francais. On Tuesday, the King paid various private calls. On Wednesday his Majesty visited the Salon, took luncheon with the Marquis de Breteuil, and afterwards had an interview with M. Delcasse.—Mr. McCormick, the new American Ambassador to France, was on Tuesday received by President Loubet and, after referring to the long friendship between France and the United States, also expressed his satisfaction at the development of a good understanding between France and Great Britain.

Greece.—Queen Alexandra arrived on Tuesday at Athens.

Italy and Austria-Hungary.—An important meeting took place on Saturday in Venice between Signor Tittoni and Count Goluchowski.

Korea.—Our Peking Correspondent, telegraphing from Seoul draws attention to the wonderful progress made by the Japanese in the transformation of Fusan. There is an unbroken stream of Japanese settlements from Fusan in the south to the Ya-lu in the north.

Morocco.—The German Mission left Tangier for Fez on Tuesday. The German Minister says he has no proposals to submit to the Sultan for a commercial convention. The British representative, Mr. Lowther, says that his mission to Fez will not be merely to present his credentials.

Russia.—A decree conceding liberty of worship to the Old Believers and abolishing the religious disabilities of member of Roman Catholic and other religious communities and of Mahomedans was promulgated on Sunday.—Conflicts occurred on Monday in Warsaw between troops and workmen, and 62 persons are said to have been killed.—It is reported that 75,000 men are on strike at Lodz.

The War.—Admiral Rondestvensky is said to be cruising near the island of Honlon. An uneasy feeling is again growing in Japan that the Russian fleet is taking an unfair advantage of Indo-Chinese ports. Our Paris Correspondent says that the French Government has taken vigorous measures to prevent infringements of neutrality, but that the Russian Admiral is desperate. Admiral Nebogatoff is believed to be near Singapore.—On Monday, General Kuroki's army celebrated the anniversary of the battle of the Ya-lu with spectacular fetes. General Linevitch reports that on Saturday night, two Russian forces drove the Japanese from Tunglusiang and occupied the town. This, a St. Petersburg Correspondent says, precludes a flanking movement towards

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

LONDON, MAY 5.

THE STERN OLD DAYS.

The preaching of the simple life has one curious effect: the more ample a man's means, the more complete his enjoyment of everything which he counts desirable, the more certain he is to persuade himself—and others if possible—that he is an exponent of the life austere. Men to whom life were an agony without the oldest of port, the finest champagne, the costliest of cigars, and a table replete with every delicacy, sing the virtues of the anchorite's way; laud the open air and communion with Nature, when they know the first only when taken from the front seat of a luxurious motor-car, and the second only as it appears in human form at the club, the theatre, or the crowded society salon. They thought a generation ago that they lived simply, yet Disraeli describes one of the entertainments he attended as "more sumptuous and fantastic than ever;" his hostess a blaze of jewels, and looking like Juno, only that she had instead of a peacock a tiny dog in her lap, not bigger than a bird of Paradise and quite as brilliant.

THE POET OF REVOLUTION.

But we have had our apostles of revolution before Disraeli in his youth out-dandied them all. One of the quaintest pictures of him in those early days, when he lashed the follies of others scours, when he projected his Revolutionary Epic. Why, he asked, as the heroic age had produced its Homer, the Augustan era its Virgil the Renaissance its Dante, the Reformation its Milton, should not the Revolutionary epoch in which they lived produce its representative poet? And one who was present described him as he stood there in velvet coat wide open, and ruffled to its sleeves, shirt collar turned down in Byronic fashion, an elaborately embroidered waistcoat, whence issued voluminous folds of frill, and shoes adorned with red rosettes, his hair pomatumed and elaborately curled and his person redolent with perfume announcing himself as the Homer or Dante of the age.

RAILWAY GAME.

It must be true, as a weekly contemporary suggests, that men walking the lines in a game country reap good harvests. But it does not all come from the telegraph wire. Some time ago an industrious signalman who walks over three or four miles of line a day near Worksop published his takings on the beat for one year. In addition to 1 pigeon, 1 kestrel hawk, 2 pheasants, 4 partridges, 2 snipe, and innumerable small birds, he was enriched or embarrassed to the extent of 3 cats, 2 foxes, 3 terriers, 1 foxhound, 1 collie, many hares and rabbits, 1 cow, 1 sheep, countless rats, and frogs enough for a plague—a year's takings on three miles, of railway. What would the whole 22,000 miles represent?

A HOMELY NOTE.

Those who love an old clock will hope that Walton-on-Thames will resist the well-meant offer of a gentleman who proposes to substitute a new timepiece for that which for two hundred years has marked the progress of night and day from its position at the top of the parish church. Some of these ancient mechanisms are constructed on principles long forgotten. The Pope [illegible] fashioned by the mathematician Bernardo [illegible] presented it to the wife of Philip II. of Spain, which, when it ceased working, some years ago, nobody could repair. King Edward has one with a diverting but different history. It was given him during his tour in India, as the work of a priest, made solely by that holy man in the privacy of his lonely cell. The clock worked for some years, then stopped. When the clock was taken to pieces, there upon the works were found the name and address of a well-known Clerkenwell clockmaker.

A COSTLY GEW-GAW.

India must have many wonderful clocks among the treasures of her palaces. She should have had one more, not so notable, apparently, for its qualities as a time-keeper as for its spectacular splendour. It is a German creation, turned out, not like the Frenchman's boot in a moment of enthusiasm, but by years of patient labour. Delicious bell-music is furnished from the internals of the machine, and an appreciative owl blinks his eyes in ecstacy, beats correct time, and wags his head profoundly. A peacock ruffles and smooths his feathers, then revolves and spreads the loveliest of tails, while a cock perched upon a golden tree crows early and late. The novelty was brought to England with a view to being sold into Indian possession. The price, however, was prohibitive, so forth it went to Russia, for the Empress Catherine.

PENALTIES AND PAINS.

These absurdities are not restricted to our own country nor to the Army alone. It is told that when the King of Spain was a tiny boy he was walking round the royal palace with a tame seven-foot warrior as escort. Desiring to return for a moment for his rattle or sugarstick, he left the gladiator on guard until he should return. The sugarstick drove all thought of the soldier from the kingly babe's mind, and there, four-and-twenty hours later, they found the big warrior, limp and famished, still on guard on the precise square of carpet, where he had been left. This sort of thing when practised in private life has its distinct dangers. One of his Majesty's Inspectors of Mines remarked a couple of years ago that the death of the man upon whom they were holding an inquest was "the result of the terrible curse of professional etiquette." What that meant was this, that a Lanarkshire miner, meeting with an accident, and being in imminent peril of death, two doctors were summoned. The first was out, and the second refused to take another man's case. Two other men were sent for; neither arrived. The man died, and medical etiquette was triumphant.

SERIOUS RIVALRY.

It is true, no doubt, that Mr. Carnegie, by his latest gift has eclipsed all previous records of private benefactions. It is well that a man of such financial resources should set the pace, for there are pretty solid men in the Vanderbilts, the Rockefellers, the Armours, and one or two more always willing to accept a lead. Had Baron Hirsch lived, he would have had to be reckoned in the first flight of givers. It has been said that he gave away some three millions sterling for each of the five years preceding his death. To Russia he offered two millions for public education, with only the proviso that Jews should receive as fair treatment as Gentiles. The offer was rejected but the Baron was not discouraged; his record of gifts is to be traced in many directions.

COLOSSAL NIGGARDS.

There have been not a few Chicago Smiths among the moneyed. And his way of launching into beneficence was as follows:—Men of Elgin, with which town he had been associated earlier in life, called upon him with their subscription list. They had collected a certain sum, and required just so much to clear the balance. The millionaire took the list, and went carefully over the figures. The hearts of the deputation were warm within them. They thought this good rich man was himself going to give the balance. But they did not know their Chicago Smith. He counted up the number of subscribers, "averaged" the contributions, then gave them a sum according with that average. He was not more careful than a giant who had made his fortune out of cornflour, a Paisley man and very Scottish. His barber shaved him one day and looked, of course, for the customary tip. The old man had a pocketful of money, gold and silver in abundance, but not a penny. It was a great moment in that barber's life. He quite expected that the cornflour king was about to give him a sixpence. Not a bit of it; the old man produced a fat pocket book, and from it drew two half penny stamps, and gave those to the barber for his "tip."

A PRUDENT SOPHISM.

The gentleman with a disinclination to give little of his much is not confined to Mother Land; strange as it may appear, you find him in the Colonies. And there he seems to be rather an ingenious representative of the school, if the late Lord Augustus Loftus's experience means anything. There was a very wealthy man in Australia a full-blown millionaire, who simply hated to give away anything. But, by some means or other, they did manage to extract a fifty-pound note from him for the building of a badly needed church. A short time afterwards they risked another call; they must have money with which to provide the church with a lightning conductor. But this time he struck. It was a wanton and useless expenditure, he protested. Did they seriously ask him to believe that the Almighty would permit His lightning to destroy a building erected for His service?

THE PROPER THING.

Civilians have been enjoying another laugh recently at the expense of the War Office and its fantastic etiquette which dictates when a man shall be "esquired" and when he shall not; and when it may safely be assumed.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade, ...	2	1	4
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umerkhadi and Dongri	13	13	31
D Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	23	15	33
E Khaowadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	8	7	14
F Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nesapada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nesapada	21	16	42
G Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	14	7	17
H Mahim and Worli.....	18	17	23
Water Division.....	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown...	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	3	14
Total	99	84	181
Total plague deaths to date 291,681	244,836		92
Same date last year ———	29	20	

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3	0

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of which worry and anxiety are such distressing symptoms, demands special treatment the nature of which is easily understood. If the body be weak it shows that fitting nourishment is required, and the same is equally true if the nervous system be weakened. It needs proper nutrition.

But how seldom the exhausted nervous system receives the right treatment. In many cases stimulants are resorted to, which give merely fictitious and temporary strength to the nerves, but actually leave them more weakened and worn out than before. If the nervous system be exhausted it really requires a remedy that will assist the nervous system to assimilate nourishment from the ordinary food, and will at the same time supply the vital nerve elements which are lost under the strain of overwork. Such a remedy is found in

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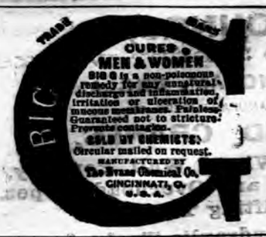
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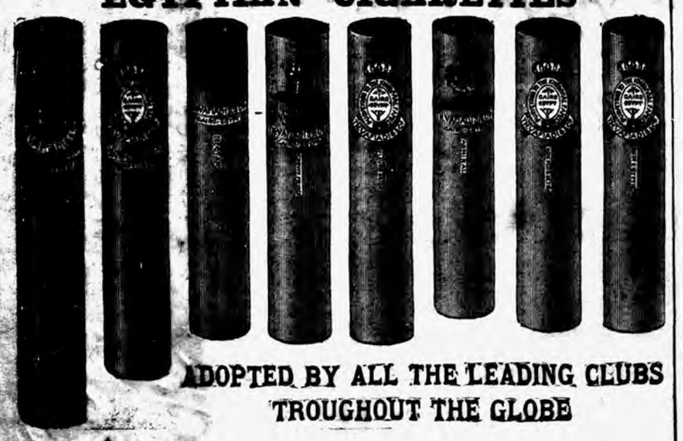

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